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# **Chapter 1: An Introduction to WIC**

This chapter describes what the WIC program is and who is eligible to participate in the program.

- The WIC Program
- What is WIC?
- Who is eligible for WIC?
- What do clients gain from WIC?
- WIC Certification

#### **Section 1: The WIC Program**

#### What is WIC?

- WIC stands for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, which is a program of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- WIC is a temporary assistance program for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or who have recently had a baby and for children under the age of five. Participants must have an income below a certain amount and have a nutritional or medical need for the program.
- There are three WIC programs in Arizona: the Arizona WIC Program, the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) WIC Program and the Navajo Nation WIC Program. This manual discusses our program, the Arizona WIC Program.
- The Arizona WIC Program is made up of 20 Local Agencies (15 counties and 5 private health centers). The Arizona WIC Program currently has over 110 clinics statewide.

## WIC is successful because of its unique combination of services

- **Nutrition Education -** is given to participants to encourage healthy eating habits.
- Healthy Foods are provided to participants in order to supplement their diet, particularly important during special times of growth and development.
- **Referrals** to health care and social service agencies to assist participants in ways that the WIC program cannot.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

There are **four** criteria needed for WIC eligibility:

- 1. Category To be eligible for the WIC Program, a person must be either a
  - Pregnant woman: during the period of having a positive pregnancy test up to six weeks after the end of her pregnancy.
  - o **Breastfeeding woman:** during the period of delivery and breastfeeding her infant up to her infant's first birthday.
  - o **Postpartum woman**: during the period of delivery up to her baby's 6-month birthday OR six months after termination of most recent pregnancy, including a stillbirth, neonatal death, miscarriage or abortion.

- o **Infant:** during the period s/he is born up to the day before the first birthday.
- o Child: during the period of age one up to her/his fifth birthday.

Categories – the chart below describes the 5 general categories (pregnant, nursing, postpartum, infant and child) and their AIM codes.

Category	Description	AIM Code
Pregnant	A pregnant woman who conceived at age ≤ 17	PG1
i regnant	A pregnant woman who conceived at age ≥ 18	PG2
Exclusively Nursing	A woman who is fully breastfeeding her infant up to 1 year after the infant's birth	EN
Partially Nursing	A woman who breastfeeds at least once in 24 hours, up to 1 year after the infant's birth	PN
Postpartum	A non-breastfeeding woman up to 6 months after the end of her pregnancy (the end of pregnancy can be due to a live birth, stillbirth, miscarriage or therapeutic abortion)	P
Infant	A child under 1 year old:  Infant exclusively nursing Infant partially nursing Infant formula fed	IEN IPN IFF
Child	A child between 1 and 5 years old	C1 C2 C3 C4

**Proof** – Applicants do **NOT** need to routinely prove category. If, however, there is any doubt about the applicant's category, the local agency should ask for documents from the applicant.

- 2. Residence A person must live in Arizona, but not necessarily in the local agency's service area.
- 3. Income Gross income must not be more than 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. This number is based on household size, which is explained below:

Determining income based on household size:

Household is defined as a group of related or non-related individuals who are living together as one economic unit.

#### **Pertinent Household Information**

Residents	of
Institution	s

The residents are assessed as separate family units.

Pregnant Woman Household size is determined by increasing the household size by the number of expected infants, unless the applicant has religious or cultural objections, which preclude this.

Teen

Person <18 years of age who must provide documentation of emancipation from a court of law to be considered a separate household.

Co-Living

Two separate families residing at the same address under the same roof may be considered separate households, if each household has its own source of adequate income (rent, food, utilities, and other).

**Foster Child** 

If an infant or child is in the care of foster parents, Child Protective Services (CPS) or other child welfare authorities, the infants or child's income will be considered a family of one.

Adopted Child

The child is counted in the household size of the family.

**Separated Family** When a family separates, the child is counted in the family of the parent of guardian with whom the child lives. Child support payments are considered income for the family with whom the child lives.

Custody

The parent with whom the child spends a majority of their time can claim the child in reporting household size.

Military Family

A military dependent placed in the temporary care of friends or relatives may be counted as a separate economic unit. There must be documentation of an allotment payment that is adequate to support the individual.

• Determination of income eligibility will be made at the time of certification. The starting date of certification noted on the consent/

- release form and the identification folder/ transfer card will be the date income eligibility was determined.
- Local agencies will implement the income standard of 185% of the poverty level each April 1.
- In order to be income-eligible, income must be confirmed by paper or an official verification system, such as dial-up or online confirmation with an adjunct eligibility program.
- If a client shows current documentation of TANF, AHCCCS, Food Stamps or Section 8 housing participation, they are adjunctively qualified for WIC.
- Income is defined as gross income before deductions for income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, etc.
- **4. Nutrition Risk** Nutrition risks can be divided into 9 groups shown by their number.
  - **100 Anthropometrics:** Anthropometric measurements are used to determine underweight, overweight, short stature and inappropriate weight gain.
  - **200 Biochemical:** Hematocrit and/or hemoglobin blood tests are used to determine a person's level of iron.
  - **300 Medical:** Based on information from doctors, nurses, dentists or nutritionists to determine health risks.
  - **400 Dietary:** A nutrition questionnaire is used to evaluate a person's eating habits.
  - 500 Regression/ Transfer/Presumptive Eligibility: Associated with returning to some former health condition, out-of-state transfers, and pregnant women who have not been screened for risks.
  - 600 Breastfeeding mother/infant dyad
  - 700 Infant of a WIC-eligible mother during her pregnancy
  - 800 Homeless/Migrant
  - 900 Other lifestyle risks

#### **WIC's Priorities**

WIC is effective because it guarantees that those who would benefit the most from WIC participation will get an appointment. In case of funding shortages, high-priority applicants are not put on a waiting list. Pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, migrant and homeless persons are given the highest priority for receiving WIC services.

The positive effects of WIC also increase when pregnant women participate in WIC early in their pregnancies. The longer these high-priority women participate in WIC, the greater the benefit to them.

What do clients gain from WIC? WIC participants receive three specific services:

**Nutrition Education** – is available to all WIC participants and/or their parents or caretakers. The nutrition education is designed to be easily understood by the participants and relevant to their nutritional needs and food preferences.

The goals of nutrition education in WIC are to:

Show that a good prenatal diet leads to a good pregnancy outcome for both the mother and infant.

Encourage all women to breastfeed and to provide support so these women can successfully breastfeed for at least one year.

Promote optimal infant growth and health by following standard infant feeding recommendations.

Demonstrate that good nutrition leads to good health.

Enable participants to form good eating habits and prevent nutrition-related problems.

Provide individual care plans for participants based on their risks.

**Supplemental Foods** – are selected to meet the special nutritional needs of participants. These foods are meant to supplement the participant's diet, not to provide ALL the food and nutrients the participant needs.

#### WIC FOODS

#### **Nutrients Provided**

Milk Calcium, Vitamins A & D, and protein Cheese Calcium, Vitamins A & D, and protein

Eggs Iron, Vitamin A, protein

Beans or Peanut Butter Iron, protein WIC Juice Vitamin C

Cereal Iron

Iron Fortified Infant Formula Calcium, Vitamin A & C, Iron

Iron Fortified Infant CerealIron, proteinCarrotsVitamin ATuna FishIron, protein

**Referral to Health Care and Social Services** – Linking participants to health care is an important WIC service. WIC encourages all participants to receive complete health care and can also give information regarding other social services. Participants receive information about these 6 programs at every certification:

- 1. TANF Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- 2. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Medicaid program
- 3. Food Stamps
- 4. Child Support Enforcement Services
- 5. Substance Abuse
- 6. Immunizations (for participants under age two)

Other health and social service referrals are based on appropriate need, as shown in the following examples:

- Breastfeeding support for breastfeeding women and infants
- Dental services for women and children who have a need
- Childcare for working and student women

#### **WIC Certification**

The WIC Program calls the eligibility and enrollment process 'Certification.' All applicants who are screened and found to be eligible for WIC are certified as WIC participants. At the certification appointment, new participants are oriented to the WIC Program; receive nutrition education, Food Instruments, and referrals to health care and social services.

Each WIC participant is enrolled in WIC for a set period of time. This period of time is called the participant's 'certification period.' Near the end of the participant's certification period, an appointment is given to the participant to be screened again for WIC eligibility. Each certification includes all elements of the initial certification: eligibility screening, nutrition education, referrals, food package selection, and issuance.

If an applicant is screened and found ineligible for WIC, s/he is given a written notice of ineligibility.

# Confidentiality

Each person deserves privacy, especially when it comes to his or her personal information, income, and health. Wouldn't you like to be treated with respect and given the right to have your records kept personal? People who are healthy or sick would rather have information on their blood, weight, income, phone number, and address kept from the intrusion of others. At WIC, we keep private matters private. So remember to protect the rights of others!

# **Civil Rights**

WIC has 6 protected classes: race, color, national origin, sex, age, and disability. If anyone feels they have been wronged by WIC based on any of the above conditions, the person serving them must help the participant file a complaint to Washington, DC.

The complaint form may be printed from AIM.

- 1. Select **Outputs** from **Enrollment / Certification** splash screen menu bar.
- 2. Select **Forms** from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Select Civil Rights Complaint Form.
- 4. Enter the client's ID and print the form.

# **Chapter 2: AIM Overview**

The Arizona in Motion (AIM) computer system automates almost every function of the WIC program.

- Section 1: The AIM System
- Section 2: Getting Started
- Section 3: Getting Help when using AIM

#### **Section 1: The AIM System**

Local Agency staff will use the system to:

- Handle all appointment activities, including rescheduling and group education;
- Certify participants, document medical and health information and assign food packages;
- Issue Food Instruments on demand;
- Document nutrition education;
- · Document and track referrals;
- Generate reports on a variety of participant information;
- Generate forms and mailing labels;
- Assist with the annual time study.

State staff will use the AIM system to:

- Track and manage the financial aspects of the programs;
- Perform all vendor activities, including authorizing, monitoring, and educating;
- Monitor Local Agency compliance with WIC Federal Regulations;
- Track and manage caseload;
- Generate reports on a variety of parameters.

The AIM system will allow for growth and change. The AIM system will help ensure that Arizona WIC and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP or Food Plus) will be able to stay in motion and keep up with the everchanging world.

#### **Section 2: Getting Started**

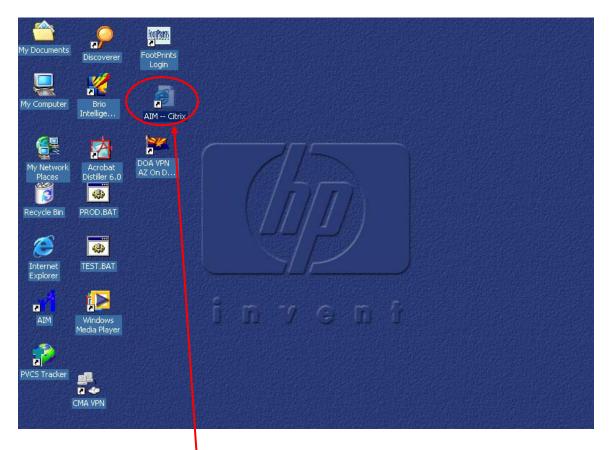
When navigating in AIM, use the "tab" key and not the "enter" key. AIM prefers that you use "tab." You can also use your mouse to click on buttons in some instances.

#### Logging on to the network

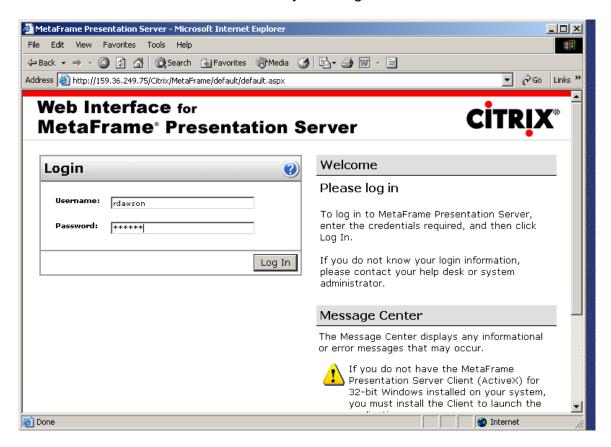
# **Log-in procedure for Novell Netware**

- 1. **Name:** Enter the User ID assigned to you by your Local Agency Network Administrator, and press tab to get to the Password field.
- 2. **Password:** Enter your unique password. Click on the OK button.

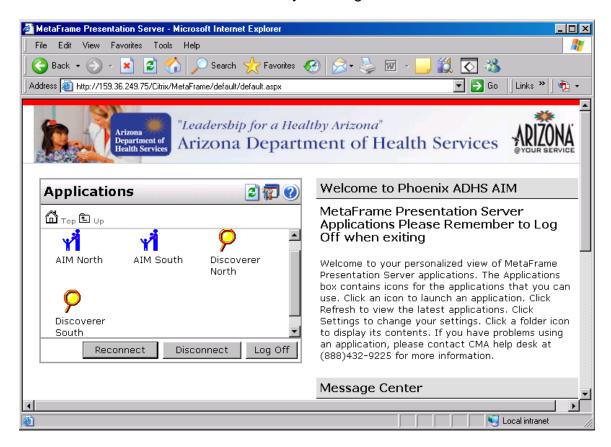
## Logging on to the AIM System Through Citrix



Find your AIM Citrix Icon and double click to open.



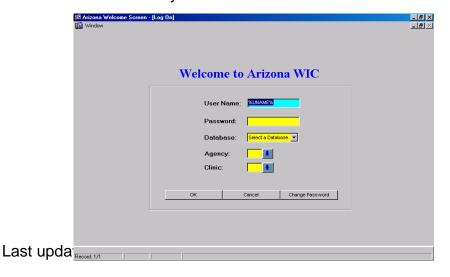
The ADHS ITS personnel will give you a Citrix user name and password.

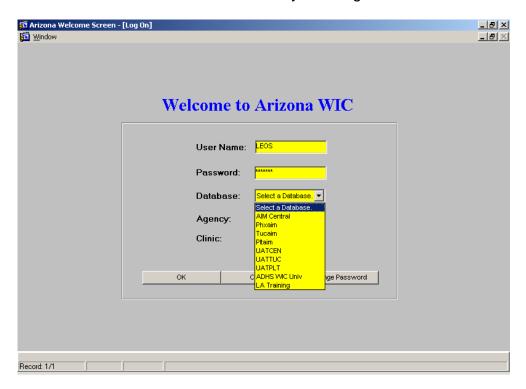


Choose AIM North if you work in any of the following agencies: Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Navajo, Yavapai, Yuma, Yuma CSFP, Clinica Adelante, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, La Paz CSFP, Mountain Park or Pinal.

- Choose AIM South if you work in any of the following agencies: Cochise,
   Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Cocopah Tribe, Marana, El Rio or Ajo.
- Choose AIM Pilot if you work in any of the following agencies: Mariposa or Mohave.
- If you are a Discoverer user, you will also see the icons that will start the Discoverer query tool.

You will be taken directly to the Welcome to Arizona WIC screen.





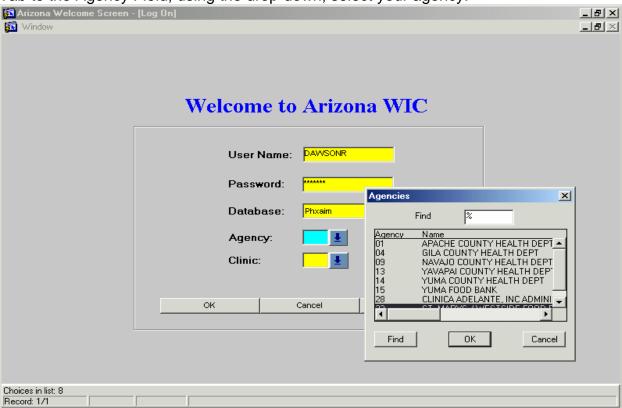
Type your User Name into the **User Name** field.

- This is how the AIM will track who performs what tasks in the system.
- Your User Name is unique to you and allows you access to the functions in the AIM system that are specific to your job responsibilities and location.
- Never share your password with anyone.

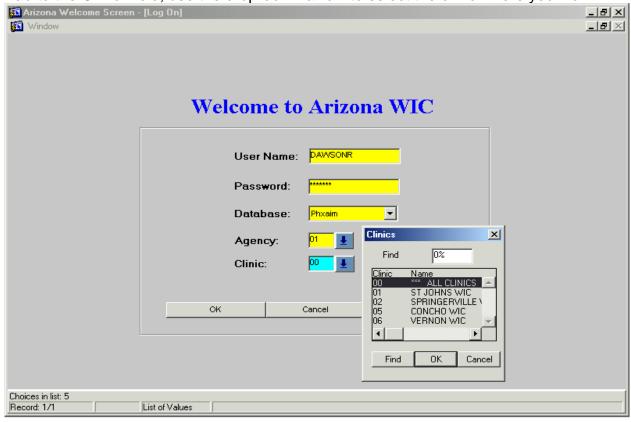
Tab to the password field and type in your password.

- First-time users will use the password provided by your Supervisor. Once you have entered your password, tab to the Database Field
- Use the drop-down to select Phxaim if your local agency is North or Tucaim if your agency is in the South.
- Pltaim is used by Mohave & Mariposa for pilot testing of new AIM changes.
- (UAT databases are used by ADHS staff to test new changes, ADHS WIC University is a state-level training database and LA Training is a Local agency training database.)

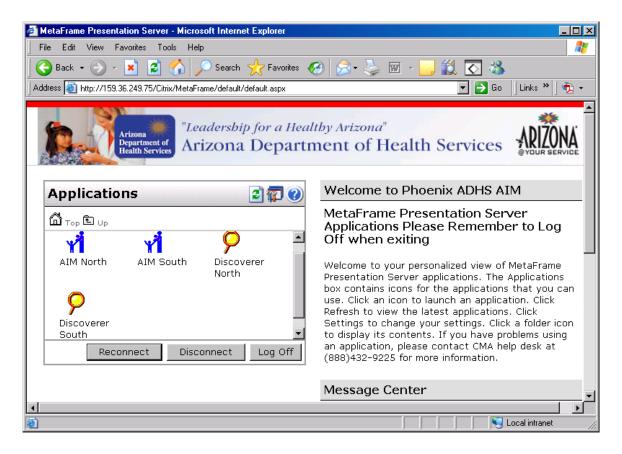
Tab to the Agency Field, using the drop-down, select your agency.



Tab to the Clinic Field; use the drop-down arrow to select the clinic where you work.



#### Logging off of AIM and out of Citrix



When you are finished in AIM, log off as usual. You will then see this Citrix screen again. Using the scroll bar on the right, move the screen down so you can see the "Log Off" button at the bottom of the Applications Window. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO LOG OFF OF CITRIX. DO NOT USE THE BLACK X IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER.

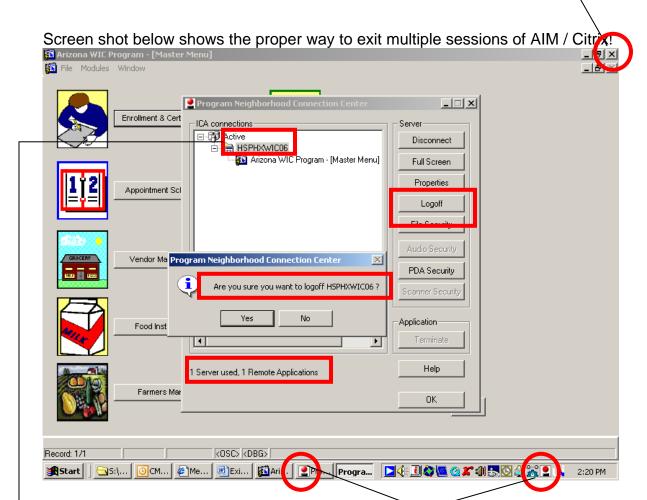
For training, select the database on your activity sheet.

The AIM system will log you off of the system if you do not perform any activity for 10 minutes. For example, if you do not enter information using the keyboard or if you do not use the mouse, you will be automatically logged off. In addition, any information entered and not saved prior to this automatic log off will be lost.

#### Proper way to exit from Citrix when AIM application is not responding

If the AIM application is not responding, please DO NOT click on the BLACK X!

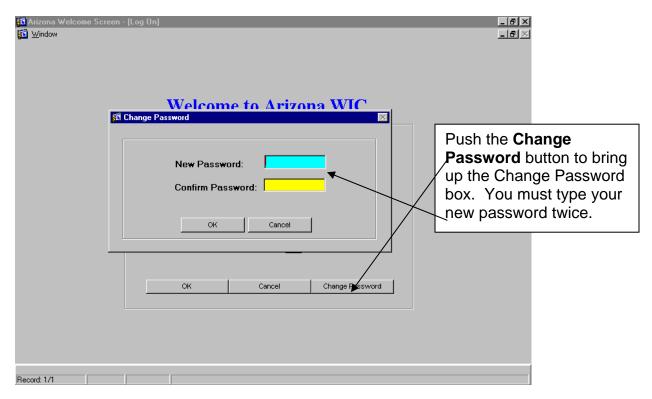
DO NOT USE "CTRL-ALT-DELETE" combination of keys!



To properly exit from multiple sessions in AIM / Citrix, double click on the red icon in the lower right corner of the task bar. This will open a Citrix ICA Connections pop-up. Select a Citrix server and press the **Logoff** button. When the confirmation pop-up opens, press OK. This process will need to be repeated for each server where you have an open session.

When your sessions are terminated, you will again see the log-on screen for Citrix. You can now log back on to Citrix, select your AIM icon and connect to your database to continue, OR click on the BLACK X in the upper right hand corner to close out of Citrix.

# **Changing your password**

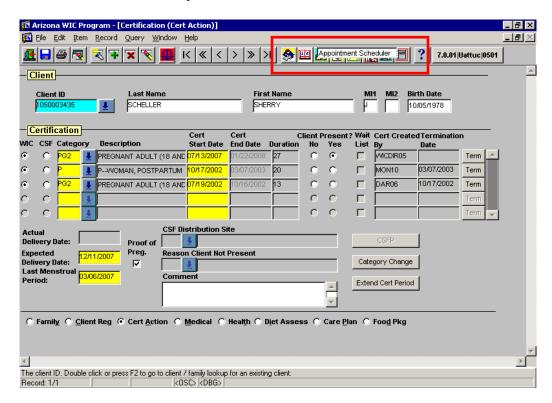


#### **Change Password screen**

Your password should be a unique word or combination of letters and numbers that only you know, for example, A12345 or A12bc3. Make it something that you are going to be able to remember easily, such as your dog's name or your childhood best friend's name; then you can simply add 1 to it each time it needs to be changed.

- You may reuse a password, but you cannot use the same password two times in a row.
- Never give your password to anyone, and change it if you think someone may know.
- Don't write your password down where someone else can find or see
  it. You may change your password at any time by clicking on the
  Change Password button on the Welcome screen. The Change
  Password window will be displayed.
  - Type in a new password.
  - ➤ Tab to the **Confirm Password** field and type in your password again.
  - > Click **OK**. You will return to the **Welcome** screen.

#### Fast Path Icons on Top Menu Bar



You can access the different AIM modules by using the Fast Path icons found on the top menu bar. This will allow you to move from the Enrollment / Certification module to the Appointment Scheduler easily to make an appointment.

#### **Section 3: Getting Help when Using AIM**

It may happen occasionally that you will need help or become stuck while using the AIM system. There are people within your local WIC agency that have more in-depth knowledge of AIM; they are called Super Users. You should try to contact one of these Super Users to see if they can help troubleshoot what the problem may be. Often, they will be able to lead you through a series of steps to determine what has you stuck and your problem may be resolved.

If the Super User is not able to solve the problem, you can also call the CMA Help Desk, which is located in New York. They are available for help during Arizona WIC's clinic hours. The phone number is **1-888-432-9225**, **press 6 then 1**. Do not press 0 since this will connect you to their secretary who is not responsible for taking messages for the Help Desk. There are several team members who staff the Help Desk that know the AIM system well and should be able help solve your problem. If necessary, they are able to dial in to your computer to 'shadow' your movements within the AIM system and determine if you are doing something incorrectly. Depending on the severity of your problem, they may need to call you back anywhere between 2-24 hours later. Your call will be answered in the order in which it was received. **See the following flowchart to understand the process of calling the CMA Help Desk.** 

It is important that you call the CMA Help Desk with any AIM problems that your Super User cannot solve so they can log your phone call and begin to address the issue, especially if it is system-wide issue. If you don't call the Help Desk, there may be a problem with AIM that CMA and the State WIC office are not aware of.

It is very important to read all pop-up messages that you see in the AIM system. They contain valuable information that may help you to resolve your own problem and prevent you from having to find the Super User or call the CMA Help Desk. You may also be asked what pop-up messages you received when you call the Help Desk and if you have already clicked 'OK,' you may not be able to get the message to reappear.

On the last page of this manual are basic troubleshooting tips and resolutions to common AIM issues.

# **Chapter 3: The Initial Certification**

This chapter describes the initial certification process and the steps involved in certifying clients.

## **Section 1: Greeting the Client**

- The Client's Arrival
- Client Rights & Obligations / Consent

#### **Section 2: Family Screen**

- Client / Family Lookup
- Proxy Form

#### **Section 3: Client Registration Screen**

- Ethnicity/Race
- Income
- Documentation of Waiver Form

#### **Section 4: Cert Action Screen**

- Category Change
- Termination of a Cert
- Dual Participation

#### Section 5: Medical Screen

- Blood codes
- Graphs
- Red Scale

#### Section 6: Risks and Health Screen

- Anthropometric Risks
- Biochemical Risks
- Dietary Risks & Assessment
- Medical Risks, Regression & Other Risks
- Health Screen & Breastfeeding Questions

#### **Section 7: Care Plan Screen**

- Nutrition Education
- Lead Screening

# **Section 8: Food Package Screen**

- Food Package Tailoring
- Food Package Assignment & Issuance
- Special Formula Approval
- Formula Replacement
- Food Instrument Replacement and Void
- Anatomy of a Food Package
- Special Packages
- On Demand Button
- Linking Mothers & Infants

#### **Section 1: Greeting the Client**

In determining client eligibility, there is a process you must follow to obtain the information that you need as well as giving the clients all of the information they need.

- 1. Greet the participant and introduce yourself.
- Explain the screening process. Inform the participant that you will be asking
  questions to determine eligibility and that all information is kept confidential.
  Encourage the participant to ask questions if they need more information or
  to make suggestions as to how we can better serve them.
- 3. Check to see if the participant has an existing AIM ID number.
- 4. Offer voter registration assistance and have participant fill out the Offer of Voter Registration form. This form is to be kept in the agency's files.
- 5. Check proof of address and income.

#### Client Rights & Obligations / Consent form

- 1. Print a copy of the Rights & Obligations / Consent form (see exhibit on next page).
- 2. Check participant's proof of ID and proof of residence.
- 3. The Authorized Representative or participant then reads and checks the consent / release portions of the form.
- 4. You will fill in the certification dates and sign and date the bottom portion. The Authorized Representative or participant signs and dates the form.

**NOTE:** Each WIC participant being certified must have a Rights & Obligations / Consent form filled out for them.

**NOTE:** Each transferring participant / Authorized Representative must sign the Rights & Obligations form at the agency into which they are transferring.

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Date

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# Offer of Voter Registration

Applying to register to vote or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.

Are you current	ly registered to vote where you live now?	
yes	no	
If you are not re today?	egistered to vote <u>where you live now,</u> would	you like to apply to register to vote here
yes	no	
IF YOU DO NOT TO VOTE AT TH		DERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER
the application	form in private. The decision whether to se nd mail it to the county recorder yourself or	cation form, we will help you or you may fill out ek or accept help is yours. You may take the you may complete the registration here and
registration too	o register to vote here, the information regal or place will remain confidential. If you choo or remain confidential and will be used only for	se not to register to vote at this time, that
Signature of Ap	plicant / Authorized Rep (or initials of staff p	erson) Date
Printed Name o	f Applicant / Authorized Rep	Date
Family ID #		
•	3 0	o register or to decline to register to vote, your g to register to vote, or your right to choose

your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with:

**State Elections Officer Secretary of State's Office** 1700 West Washington Street, 7th Floor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 542-8683





# Oferta de Registro de Votantes

que Ud. reciba de esta agencia. ¿Ud. está registrado para votar donde Ud. vive actualmente? \_\_\_ si \_\_\_\_ no Si Ud. no está registrado para votar donde Ud. vive actualmente, ¿le gustaría hacer una solicitud aquí ahora para poder votar? \_\_ si \_\_\_\_\_ no SI UD. NO MARCA NINGUNA LINEA, SE CONSIDERARA QUE UD. DECIDIO NO REGISTRARSE PARA VOTAR AHORITA. Si Ud. necesita ayuda Ilenando su solicitud de registro de votante, nosotros podemos ayudarle o puede usted llenar la solicitud en privado. La decisión para aceptar ayuda es de Ud. Ud. puede llevarse la forma y enviársela Ud. mismo por correo al secretario del condado o puede completar la solicitud y depositarla en la caja que proporcionamos. Si Ud. se decide a registrarse para votar aquí, la información acerca de la agencia donde se efectuó el registro permanecerá confidencial. Si Ud. decide no registrarse para votar ahora, la información permanecerá confidencial y será usada solamente por registro de votantes. Firma del Aplacante / Rep (o iniciales del miembro del persona Fecha

El solicitar su registro para votante o el rehusarse a registro votar no afectará la cantidad de asistencia

Si Ud. piensa que alguien ha interferido con su derecho de registrarse para votar, de rehusarse a votar, su derecho a privacidad en decidir si se registra o solicita el registro para votar, o su derecho para escoger su propio partido político u otra preferencia política, Ud. puede registrar una queja con:

State Elections Officer
Secretary of State's Office
1700 West Washington Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
(602) 542-8683

Nombre en Letra de Molde del Aplacante / Rep

Numero de Familia #\_



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#### Section 2: Client / Family Lookup and Family Screen

## **Client / Family Lookup**

The initial contact with an applicant may be started by either a telephone call from an applicant or "walk- in." When an applicant requests an appointment for enrollment, you will need to check in AIM to see if they were ever enrolled in WIC; are currently receiving WIC; or receiving Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP or Food Plus) services.

Ask client if they have ever been on WIC in *Arizona*, if yes transfer client (see page 160 "Transfer Client-In-State").

### Searching for a Participant

Log on to the AIM System (use agency 00 to log in and search your agency).

Click the **Enrollment & Certification** module push button.

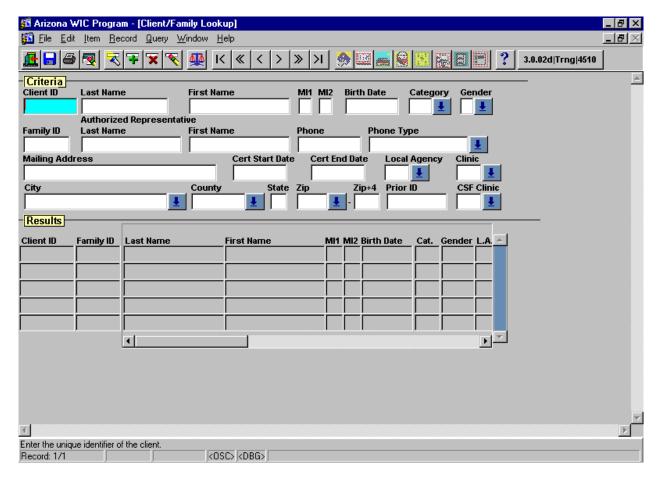
Click **Certification Info** from the menu bar.

Click Client / Family Search on the drop-down menu.



#### Client / Family Lookup navigation

Under Certification Info, click Client / Family Search.



#### Client / Family Lookup Screen

- This window will ALWAYS open in query mode, where you can enter information.
- Any of the fields in the Criteria section the top half of this window may be used for a search.
- Entering more information in the **Criteria** section will narrow your search and produce more specific results.
- Using the "%" sign can do a more generalized search. For example, if the clients' last name is White and you are unsure of the spelling, it can be partially typed in, followed by "%".

Example: WHI% to pull up "White"

All clients with the last name White will be listed in the **Results** section of the window.

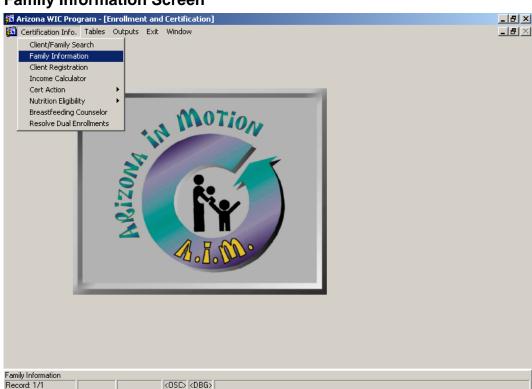
If no client information is found, one of the following may have occurred:

- Some of the client's information may have been mistyped; verify and correct it and re-execute the query.
- Some of the additional search criteria may be invalid; it should be deleted. Only the client's name should be used for the search and run the query again.
- The potential client is not in the AIM system. You should proceed with precertification. This will be covered later.
- If multiple names appear in the Results section, the scroll bars can be used to show more information

For practice, select someone from the **Results** section by double clicking the **Family ID Number**. Because they are in the database, we will be able to view information about this participant in the **Family Information** window.

- Double clicking the Family ID field in the Results section will automatically take you to the Family Information window.
- Double clicking the Client ID field in the Results section will automatically take you to the Client Registration window.

You are now in the **Family Information** window. The window displays demographic information about the client. We will learn how to modify this information in the **Enrollment and Certification** Chapter.

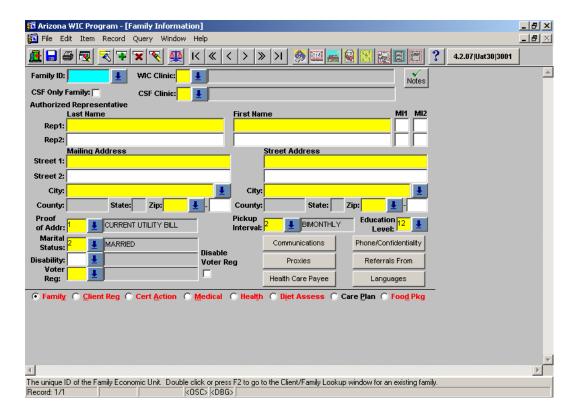


## **Family Information Screen**

After conducting a client / family search to ensure that this participant does not already have an existing Family ID, you will need to enter the family information into the **Family Information** screen.

<u>CAUTION:</u> If a participant's <u>Client ID</u> number appears in RED, they are a CSFP client; if their <u>name</u> appears in RED, that indicates that the person is deceased and the RED color is a way to alert us to that situation.

Click on Certification Info, and then select Family Information from the LOV.



It is strongly recommended that you use the tab key when navigating around the AIM screens. There are very few instances when you need to use your mouse. Do not use the enter key to navigate.

The **Family Information** screen provides demographic information about the client.

FAMILY ID	Your cursor is in the Family ID field. Tab off of this field and you will get a computer-generated Family ID number. All ID numbers are computer-generated and no two are alike.
WIC CLINIC	Enter the WIC clinic ID number and press tab.
CSF CLINIC	Enter the CSF Clinic number if you offer CSFP at your local agency. If your local agency does not offer CSFP, leave it blank.
NOTES CHECKBOX	This button allows you to enter family warning notes or any information that you feel is important to know about this family. The checkmark will turn red, indicating that there is a note that staff should check before processing the client. Once the information is no longer applicable, it can be deleted and the check mark will turn green again. This is the same box as on the Client Reg screen.

	Logyo the CSE Only Family shockboy
CSF ONLY FAMILY CHECKBOX	Leave the CSF Only Family checkbox unchecked since we are first going to see if this family is eligible for WIC.
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE REP 1	Enter the last name, first name, and middle initial of authorized representative. The Authorized Representative is the person who has the authority to sign for the participants in the economic unit.  See NOTE below.
REP 2	If there are two Authorized Representatives present, use the second line, Rep 2.
MAILING ADDRESS	Enter the mailing address and tab through the fields.
STREET ADDRESS	Mailing address information will default into the Street Address when you tab. If the Street Address is different from the Mailing Address, change the information now.
PROOF OF ADDRESS	Select the appropriate Proof of Address from the LOV.
MARITAL STATUS	Select the Authorized Representative's marital status from the LOV.
DISABILITY	If applicable, select the Authorized Representative's disability from the LOV. This may be used to provide the appropriate support for the client for future clinic visits.
VOTER REGISTRATION	Select the appropriate answer from the LOV. Form must also be filled out and kept in the agency's files.
DISABLE VOTER REG CHECKBOX	This box should <u>not</u> be checked since it is required that we ask about voter registration at each visit.
PICKUP INTERVAL	This interval dictates the number of months of Food Instruments the WIC family can receive at each visit. This field can also be modified at the time of Food Instrument issuance and can be modified for each participant within the family.  For now, leave the default of 2-Bi-monthly.
EDUCATION LEVEL	Select the appropriate education level for the Authorized Representative from the LOV.
COMMUNICATIONS BOX	Click on this box and view the list in the LOV. You can use this box in the future to document communication with the Authorized Representative.

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PHONE / CONFIDENTIALITY	Enter the phone number for the Authorized Representative. Do not check the Auto Dial box since Arizona does not have this functionality.
NO MAILINGS and NO PHONE CALLS CHECKBOXES	THIS MUST BE ASKED AT EVERY CERTIFICATION. When entering the Authorized Representative's phone information, they have the right not to receive mailing information or phone calls. Generally, these mailings and phone calls are simply to remind them of an appointment. If they do not wish to receive mailings and / or phone calls, be sure to check the boxes since this affects reports and mailing labels. If correspondence is sent to the participant from, it must be in a sealed envelope or a postcard; do not use 'WIC' in the return address.
PROXIES	Click on the box. An Authorized Representative is allowed up to two proxies. These are people who can pick up Food Instruments and also cash them for this client/family. It is required that the proxies receive education regarding the appropriate use of Food Instruments prior to receiving them; however, nutrition education is not required if they are not a caregiver of the WIC participant.
REFERRALS FROM	This can be used to document how the Authorized Representative heard about WIC.
HEALTH CARE PAYEE	Enter the source of health care for the Authorized Representative.
LANGUAGE	Enter the language(s) of the Authorized Representative. In some local agencies, this may affect which staff member the family will be scheduled with in the Appointment Scheduler. When a language other than English is chosen as the primary language, the 'Translator' box becomes enabled; check the checkmark if a translator will be needed to communicate with the client. (This may not apply to agencies that have many bilingual staff members.) Also, the primary language tells AIM in what language to print forms. AIM can only print in English and Spanish. If a language other than English or Spanish is chosen, AIM will

print in English.

**NOTE:** When the Authorized Representative of a WIC participant changes during a certification period stating that the infant / child is currently under their care, the clinic may issue up to 3 months of Food Instruments to the infant / child if ALL the following conditions are met:

- 1) The new Authorized Representative must bring the infant / child participant to the WIC appointment. If they do not bring the infant/child to the clinic, they are to be rescheduled.
- 2) The new Authorized Representative must show proof of the infant / child's ID. If ID is not available, the waiver form procedures are to be followed.
- 3) The new Authorized Representative must SIGN a written statement in the WIC office declaring that they are caring for the infant/child and an explanation of the circumstances that led them to becoming the caretaker.

EXAMPLE: I, _	(name)	<u>,</u> have become	the caretaker of	(name) ,
date of birth	, because _	(reason)	The former A	uthorized
Representative	,	. (name)	, is no longer t	he caretaker
for this child. If	this situation chang	ges, I will immedia	ately notify the WIC	clinic.
Signature:	Date	<u>;</u>		
WIC Staff Mem	ber Signature:		_	

- 4) The WIC staff will assist in making the written statement if the new Authorized Representative is unable to write, and he or she must sign the statement or make their identifying mark.
- 5) The income of the new Authorized Representative still meets the WIC eligibility criteria.

This is to prevent food from being withheld from any eligible child and the program should not create undue hardships for substitute caretakers.

A new Family ID number will be created in AIM to accommodate the new Authorized Representative's demographic information. (This procedure needs to occur even when the former and new Authorized Representatives are from the same household. This is not the same as a Proxy situation.) The infant / child will be transferred into this new family. The procedure is as follows:

- 1. Using the Client/Family Lookup or WIC Identification folder, identify the **correct** participant to be moved into the new family.
- 2. Write down the Client ID number.
- 3. Query the family into which you want to move the participant, if they're already in the AIM system. If the new Authorized Representative is not already in the AIM

system, create a new family using their information. Once you have either queried or created the new family and searched for them in the Client/Family Lookup screen, double-click in the Results section on the Authorized Representative's **Family ID**. This will take you to the Family screen.

- **4.** Move to the Client Registration screen. Be sure the correct Authorized Representative's information is at the top of the screen.
- **5.** Click in the **Client ID** field.
- **6.** Click on the **Query** icon.
- **7.** The Client ID field will go blank (turn gray).
- 8. Enter the correct Client ID number for the person you want moved by typing it in.
- 9. Click on the Query icon again.
- **10.** The client's information will populate the screen.
- 11. Click Save.
- 12. Proceed with transaction. Note: the new Authorized Representative's income must be verified and documented.
- **13.** The new Authorized Representative must sign the WIC Rights and Obligations form (to be kept in the agency's files) and a new WIC ID folder must be issued and signed.
- **14.** The WIC staff member should also document in the Warning Notes box in AIM as to the change in the participant's Authorized Representative situation.
- **15.** A note will also be made in the Warning Notes box of the former Authorized Representative to provide the new Authorized Representative's name, AIM Family ID number and date of the change.

# **PROXY**

The Authorized Representative may designate someone else to occasionally take care of WIC business for them. This designee is called a proxy. The proxy must be instructed in her / his responsibilities and fill out the form on the next page.

- 1. Select **Outputs** from **Enrollment / Certification** splash screen menu bar.
- 2. Select **Forms** from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Select Proxy Form.
- 4. Set the parameters window and print the form.

PROXY CERTIFICATION ARIZONA WIC PROGRAM		CERTIFICADO DE AUTORIDAD PROGRAMA WIC DE ARIZONA	
l,		Yo,	
Understand that I will be allowed to accept WIC drafts and Buy WIC authorized foods for:		Comprendo que seré permitido aceptar los cheques de WIC y comprar los alimentos autorizados por WIC para:	
Participant's Name	Participant's Name	Nombre de participante	Nombre de participante
Participant's Name	Participant's Name	Nombre de participante	Nombre de participante
Participant's Name	Participant's Name	Nombre de participante	Nombre de participante
<ul> <li>give all foods bought</li> <li>save the receipts for participant, and</li> <li>use the drafts only du</li> <li>Finally, I understand that that</li> <li>Offenders will be prosecut</li> </ul>	ought to the participant to the participant the foods bought and give them to the uring the dates in which they are valid.  misuse of drafts is against the law and	comprar solo los alime dar todos los alimento obtener los recibos de comprados y entregar usar los cheques sola son válidos  Finalmente comprendo que el uso la ley y los ofensores serán sujeto  La persona firmante es autorizada	e la tienda de los alimentos rios al participante mente durante el tiempo en el que impropio de los cheques es contra a la prosecución.  para aceptar y usar los cheques de
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# **Section 3: Client Registration Screen**

The **Client Registration** window is used for gathering information about each participant within the family and recording that information.

Click the **Enrollment and Certification** Module. Click **Certification Info** from the menu bar, and then choose **Client Reg.** If you are already viewing **Family Information**, click on the **Client Reg** radio button.

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t The Authorized Rep's name carries through from the Family screen. Tab to the **Client ID** field. This field automatically displays the first participant enrolled in the family. To view or update information when there is more than one participant in the family, move to the **Client Last Name** field and click the VCR button (>) to move to the records of other family members.

# How to Add a Record (Participant) to an Existing Family

The green plus (+) on the menu at the top of the **Client Reg** screen is used to add another participant to an already existing family. If the mother is also a WIC participant, always enter her into AIM first. Then, add others into her Family ID. Place your cursor in the Client First or Last Name field and click the green plus (+). This will create a new record for you to enter a new WIC participant.

Tab through the remaining fields to verify that all information is correct. The following table provides a summary for each field.

# **Table of Fields in the Client Registration window**

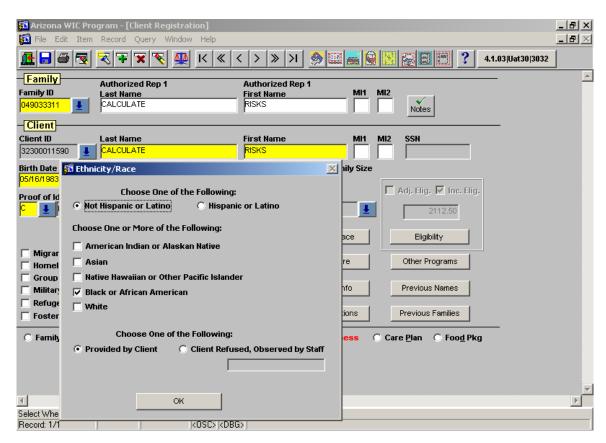
Field Name	Field Information
Last Name, First Name, MI1, MI2	Enter the appropriate information. MI stands for middle initial.
SSN	The social security number field is grayed out and is <b>not</b> used.
Birth Date	Enter the birth date of the participant. If an incorrect birth date is entered and the error is realized <u>before</u> the Medical and Health screens are completed, it can be corrected by red X-ing the certification and a new certification can be completed. If it is realized <u>after</u> the Medical and Health screens are completed, the certification must be terminated. The birth date can then be changed. After changing the birth date, the user can reverse the Termination, return to the Cert Action screen, click in the Category field and delete the number from the category, type in the new category number and tab through to the Cert End Date field.
Gender	Select the correct radio button.
Family Size	Enter the number of people in the household / economic unit. Add one person for each baby that a pregnant woman is carrying.
WIC Family Size	This field is system-generated based on the number of people in the household that are actively participating in WIC. A zero will be displayed until a certification period has been entered in the Cert Action screen. Foster children will be included in this total.
Proof of Identity	The default is "Driver's License" for women and elderly participants. The default is "Birth Certificate" for infants and children. Select the correct description from LOV. Social Security is not to be collected.

Field Name	Field Information
Application Date	This field defaults to today's date as the date the participant first applied for WIC services and cannot be changed once the information is saved.
Mother's ID	If the mother has a WIC / CSF ID number, you must enter the mother's WIC / CSF ID number into the infant or child participant's record.  This number is needed to identify and link a WIC mother to WIC children. The number is also needed to link health history data, tobacco data, and risk information between infant/child and mother.
Migrant	Check this box if the client you are working with is a migrant (a person who moves from place to place to get work, especially a farm laborer who harvests crops seasonally). Risks may be assigned.
Homeless	Check the box if the client is homeless. Risks may be assigned. If the applicant can provide an address for a friend or relative through which the applicant / participant can be contacted, this should be collected. If not, 'homeless' or the clinic's address should be used. Select 'Other' for proof of address shown.
Group Home	Check the box if the client lives in a group home. Risks may be assigned.
Military	Check the box if the client is in the military. Risks may be assigned.
Refugee	Check the box if the client is a refugee. Risks may be assigned.
Foster Care	Check the box if the client is in foster care. Risks may be assigned if they have entered or changed homes in the last 6 months. It is important to know if this child is in foster care, since income eligibility is determined individually for these applicants.
Race / Ethnicity	Mandatory – Choose one ethnicity, one or more races and indicate how the information was obtained.

Disability	Choose the appropriate selection from the LOV.
	A "display-only" field that is completed
Mariffer Control	with the participant verification of
Verification of Certification	certification (VOC) number for an out-of-
	state transfer.
Health Care	Enter the source of health care for the
Health Care	applicant/client.
	Use this button to view system-generated
Transfer Info	transfer information if this client has
	transferred from one location to another
	in the past.
	Select this button to record each
	correspondence or communication
	printed, given, or mailed to the participant
Communications	as well as the date on which the
	correspondence is given. The
	communication date defaults to today's
	date, but you may override it, if desired.
Other Programs	This button allows you to enter other programs from which the client is
Other Programs	receiving assistance.
	This button displays any previous names
Previous Names	used by the client.
	This button displays the previous AIM
Previous Families	families to which the client belonged.
	This is the same Notes button that
	appears on the Family Information
	screen. It allows you to enter family
	warning notes or any information that you
	feel is important to know about this family.
Notes also also as	The checkmark will turn red, indicating
Notes checkbox	that there is a note that staff should check
	before processing the client. Once the
	information is no longer applicable, it can
	be deleted and the check mark will turn
	green again. This is the same box as on
	the Family Info screen.

# **Ethnicity / Race Pop-up**

The WIC Program must collect data on participants' ethnicity and race to report to the Federal government. The AIM pop-up has been set up to collect this data quickly, so that it will not take time away from your client. Please choose one ethnicity, one or more races, and indicate how the information was obtained. **Please reassure your clients that these questions will not affect their participation in WIC.** 



Ethnicity / Race pop-up

The categories for data on race and ethnicity are as follows:

# **Ethnicity**

Hispanic or Latino. A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central America, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

## Race

American Indian or Alaska Native - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

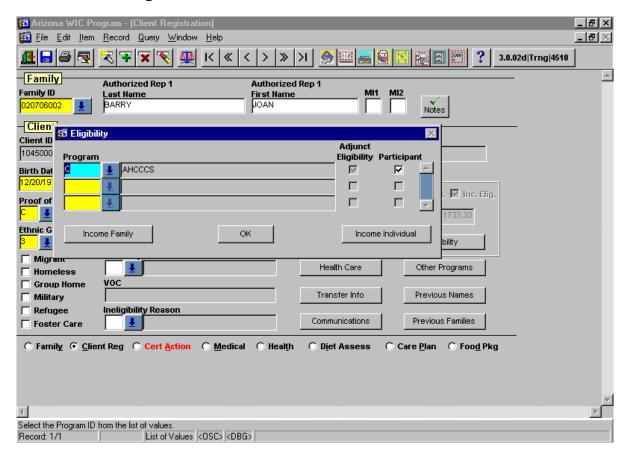
Asian - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, Middle East, or North Africa.

## Income - Client Reg Screen



- Click the Eligibility button to enter income information. This screen will
  allow you to enter the adjunctively eligible programs, if any, in which the
  applicant participates. Income received by each member of the economic
  unit must be confirmed by paper or an official verification system, such as
  dial-up confirmation or online access. Photocopies are not required by the
  State Agency, but the source of income will be documented.
- Documentation can represent the past twelve (12) month's income or current income, whichever is most representative of the family's status.
- Acceptable types of documentation of income include, but are not limited to, pay stubs, W-2 forms, Unemployment form, statement signed and dated by employer or tax reporting forms.
- The four adjunct eligibility programs are:
  - AHCCCS decision letter with current eligibility dates
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) approval letter
  - Food Stamps most recent certification letter
  - Section 8 housing award letter

 Lack of income documentation will not be a barrier to service. If the applicant cannot document income or declares that no income exists, they must sign the Documentation of Waiver Form. See next pages for explanation.

To enter income information:

- Click the **Program** LOV to open the Program list.
- Select "AHCCCS" or other adjunct eligibility program and click **OK**.
- If the applicant is the person participating in the program, check the Participant checkbox. The Adjunct Eligibility box on the Client Reg screen will automatically be checked now.

Now you must enter their actual income information, using either the **Income Family** or **Income Individual** button. This will take you into the **Income Calculator** screen.

The **Income Individual** button is only used in two situations: when enrolling a foster child or when a child (C1-C4) is on AHCCCS. Foster children are assessed for income as a family of one. By using the **Income Individual** button, that income will not be added to the family's other income.

In all other instances, the **Income Family** button is used to access the **Income Calculator** screen for the family. From here, you can verify, enter and / or update the income information.

#### **How to Document Income**

To enter a new income record or to view past income records, click in the **New Income Date** field. Today's date will auto-fill into the field so you can enter a new income record today. If you want to view past income records, use the single left scroll arrow across the top of the screen to scroll through previous income records by date.

When a participant <u>has documentation</u> of current eligibility / participation in one of the four adjunct eligibility programs (AHCCCS, TANF, Food Stamps, Section 8 housing) <u>at time of certification</u>, it is to be entered into the AIM system as follows:

- Interval = enter appropriate interval: **M** (monthly) or **SA** (semi-annual) or etc.
- Amount = enter dollar amount of estimated income disclosed by participant per interval selected above (self-declared income, no documentation needed)
- Source = S Adjunctively Eligible Program (if they brought proof of income) or T - Self-declared (if they verbally state the income amount they used to qualify for the adjunctively eligible program).
- Documentation = 4 (AHCCCS letter) or 7 (Food Stamp letter) or 6 (TANF letter) or 13 (Section 8 Housing letter)

If a participant does not bring proof of adjunctive eligibility at their certification appointment, they cannot be classified as adjunctively eligible at that certification. You can, however, add that adjunct program to the 'Other Programs' button, since this will not affect their income or adjunct eligibility status. They may fill out the top of the Documentation of Waiver Form. If the participant forgot proof of income, they have 30 days to bring in documentation of income or letter of adjunct eligibility (use code 10 for 'Forgot Documentation/Waiver' in the **Income Calculator** screen).

- They may be issued Food Instruments (FIs) for 1 month only.
- If they fail to bring in documentation the following month, they should be rescheduled until documentation is provided. There will be a pop-up in the On-Demand screen saying "Forgot Documentation" if the user tries to print more than one month of Food Instruments.

NOTE: If a participant declares or shows proof of income that is above WIC's eligibility limit of 185% Federal Poverty Level but they are adjunctively eligible, they are still eligible for WIC benefits. The adjunctively eligible program may screen income differently than WIC, but they are still WIC income-eligible since they participate in that program. THIS IS NOT FRAUD!

A client's income from a past certification (even if they were adjunctively eligible) has nothing to do with the current certification period. You must document income at every certification. Past income records will still display in the Income Calculator screen at clients' future Certifications. In order to enter new income information, you must use the red X on the top toolbar to delete past data. You cannot use the Clear Record button.

The top of the Documentation of Waiver form must be completed as follows:

- Check the first box that states documentation exists but was not brought to the appointment
- ✓ Check Proof of Income as missing.
- ✓ The Authorized Representative must sign the Waiver Form, and the Waiver Form is to be kept in the participant's file or in the daily file

AIM documentation for missing income is as follows:

- ✓ Interval = enter appropriate interval: **M** (monthly) or **SA** (semi-annual) or etc.
- Amount = enter dollar amount of estimated income disclosed by participant per interval selected above (self-declared income, no documentation needed)
- ✓ Source = T Self-declared
- ✓ Documentation = 10 (forgot documentation/waiver)

The participant should be told that he / she must bring the proper documentation to the WIC clinic within 30 days or he / she may be disqualified from the program. They should be rescheduled for a time when they can bring back proof.

The month following the 30-day extension, or at the next visit, the participant must provide proof of income **or** documentation of current eligibility / participation in one of the four programs mentioned above. This information is to be entered into AIM as follows:

✓ Update the source and documentation fields in the income screen

# Common Military Pays / Allowances that must be counted when determining WIC Income Eligibility

- I. The Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) is a monthly statement of the preceding month's pay of military personnel. This is the document that will provide WIC the correct information for income eligibility determination.
- II. Entitlements refer to the different types of pay active military personnel receive, depending on their rank, location, and assignment.
- III. The following types of pay for active military personnel <u>are counted</u> in gross income for WIC income determination:

#### **BASE PAY**

Base Pay is the amount of basic pay all active duty personnel receives. The amount of base pay is determined by the length of time in the service and pay grade.

#### **BASIC ALLOWANCE (BAS)**

Referring to Basic Allowance for Subsistence, BAS is intended to provide meals for the service member; its level is linked to the price of food.

#### SAVE PAY

Save Pay refers to money given to some personnel as they switch from time-in-service to time-in-grade pay so that they do not see a drop in basic pay.

#### **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

A clothing allowance may be issued to help a member pay for his/her uniforms. This is an annual pay given primarily to enlisted service members.

#### FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE (FSA)

This pay is for service members with dependents that meet the eligibility criteria to receive an additional \$250 per month. Service members will receive FSA pay from the day of departure from the home station and end the day prior to arrival at the home station.

# **RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS (SRB)**

SRB may be paid to a U.S. Armed Forces enlisted member who meets certain conditions. Reenlistment bonus amounts may vary depending on member's prior years of service. The member receives 50% of the bonus up front and the remaining balance is paid in annual installments.

#### **HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY (HFP/IDP)**

A member of a uniformed service may be paid a special pay at the rate of \$225 for any month in which he was entitled to basic pay in which they served within an officially declared hostile fire/imminent danger zone. One day spent in a designated HFP area qualifies the member for an entire month of pay. Also, Hazardous Duty Pay is to be included in gross income.

# **CAREER ENLISTED FLYER INCENTIVE PAY (CEFIP)**

A service member may be eligible to receive CEFIP if he/she is considered "Career Enlisted Flyer" by the military. If this is the case, the service member may be eligible for continuous, monthly incentive pay.

#### **CAREER SEA PAY**

Active Duty Enlisted Service Members or Commissioned Officers on sea duty are entitled to Career Sea Pay up to \$730 a month.

# **COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA)**

COLA is a cash allowance intended to enable an equitable standard of living in areas where cost of living is unusually high in the continental U.S. If the cost of living in the area where the member is assigned is the same or lower than average in the U.S., COLA is not authorized. See the following link for States where military personnel are authorized to receive COLA:

https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/cclocs07.pdf.

#### HARDSHIP DUTY PAY

Hardship Duty Pay is a special pay used as additional compensation for service members who are either serving in locations where living conditions create undue hardship or who are performing designated hardship missions.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PAY (FLPP)

An officer or enlisted member of the Armed Forces who has been certified as proficient in a foreign language within the past 12 months (or 12 months plus 180 days when called or recalled to active duty in support of contingency operations) may be paid Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP).

# <u>SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT PAY (SDAP)</u>

All enlisted active duty service members who perform duties designated as extremely difficult or requiring a high level of responsibility in a military skill may be paid SDAP. Amounts paid monthly based on duties range from \$75 to \$450.

#### VETERAN'S EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE GI BILL

Service members pay into an education program, the Veteran's Educational Assistance Program or the GI Bill, and the military matches the amount. When these individuals later attend school/college, they receive a monthly check for school expenses. This monthly check must be included in gross income.

NOTE: If any of the types of pay are made on a temporary basis (ie: not for the full year), you may choose to consider the income of such a family during the past 12 months as a more accurate indicator of the family's income status, as opposed to calculating income on a "current" rate basis. Averaging the pay for the past 12 months gives them a better chance of qualifying for WIC. However, if the current rate of pay is less than previous months' pay rate, use the current rate.

For example, the LES of an enlisted person shows a monthly pay for the past 3 months of \$5,000, which included combat duty pay and excluded their housing allowances. Their LES statements for the preceding 9 months show only \$3,000 per month, so you would multiply \$5,000 by 3 months and \$3,000 by 9 months to get a total of \$42,000 for the year. This amounts to an average of \$3,500/month, which is less than the average of \$5,000/month if income had been calculated using \$5,000 for the entire 12 months.

# **MILITARY SURVIVOR BENEFITS PLAN (SBP)**

The Uniformed Services Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) is the sole means by which survivors can receive a portion of military retired pay. Without it, retired pay stops on the date of death of the retiree. The dollar amount of the survivor's benefits pay can be any amount between \$300 per month and full retired pay.

IV. The following types of pay for active military pay <u>are not counted</u> in gross income for WIC income determination purposes and, therefore, should be deducted from their gross pay:

#### **BAH**

BAH refers to Basic Allowance for Housing, an allowance for housing given to personnel who lives off base.

#### <u>FSH</u>

FSH refers to Family Separation Housing Allowance provided to military personnel who are assigned to another location away from their families.

#### OCONUS COLA

OCONUS COLA refers to cost of living allowance provided to military personnel residing in designated overseas high-cost living areas outside of the continental United States. (This is different from COLA, which is provided to military personnel residing in the continental U.S.: COLA must be counted as income for WIC.)

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Service members pay into an education program, the Veteran's Educational Assistance Program or the GI Bill, and the military matches the amount. When these individuals later attend school/college, they receive a monthly check for school expenses. WIC is required to exclude the upfront amount taken out of a military persons' salary that goes into the education assistance program.

# V. Military Reservists called to active duty

Families of military reservists who are placed in active duty may experience a drop in income such that they may become income eligible for the WIC Program. In this situation, determination of income may be based on the family's "current" rate of income while the reservist is on active duty for a more accurate determination of the family's income status.

VI. Children in the temporary care of friends or relatives

There are 3 options to determine income:

- a. If gross income is available, the absent parents or one parent and their children can be considered as the economic unit.
- b. If the unit has its own adequate source of income, i.e. child allotment, the children can be counted as a separate economic unit.
- c. When the first two above-mentioned options are not applicable, the children are considered to be part of the economic unit of the person(s) they are residing with.

#### Income Source Code in AIM - "T-SELF DECLARED"

AIM has an income source code of "T" for "self-declared" income.

Use code T-self declared, when the client does not bring in their income documentation and the Documentation of Waiver Form is used.

Code T is **also** used if the client brings in proof of current adjunctive eligibility and verbally states the income amount they told the adjunct program to qualify for the program.

Use code "S-Adjunctively Eligible Program" if a client happens to bring in both proof of adjunct eligibility <u>and</u> proof of income. They do not <u>need</u> to show proof of income with proof of adjunct program participation.

# Migrants' income

Determination of income eligibility will be made once every twelve (12) months for migrant field workers, including qualifying loggers and their families. The migrant status will be indicated on the Arizona WIC ID folders, indicating exemption from having income determination repeated within a twelve (12) month period.

# Disqualification during a Cert period

Individuals may be disqualified during a certification period if a reassessment identifies that they are no longer income eligible or adjunctively income eligible. However, if there is 90 days or less before the certification period expires, then a disqualification is not required. Additionally, clients cannot be disqualified from WIC solely on the basis of cessation of benefits from TANF, AHCCCS, Food stamps or other State-administered programs. They will be reassessed under other income criteria before being disqualified.

## **Waiver Form Explanation**

The Waiver Form has several uses in the Arizona WIC program. It is separated into two (2) sections, top and bottom, and each section has a different use.

 The top of the Waiver Form is used when the applicant <u>has documentation</u> of income, address, or identification, but <u>did not bring it</u> to the certification appointment.

The top of the form is to be completed by:

- Checking the box that corresponds to the type of documentation that was forgotten
- The applicant filling their name in the blank line and signing and dating it
- The WIC staff member signing and dating on the appropriate lines.

**Note:** The top of the Waiver Form will only allow **one (1) month of Food Instruments** to be issued.

2.) The bottom of the Waiver Form is used when the applicant <u>does not have</u> <u>documentation</u> of income, address, or identification because documentation does not exist.

The bottom of the form is to be completed by:

- Checking the box that corresponds to the type of documentation that the applicant does not have
- The applicant filling their name in the blank line and signing and dating it
- The WIC staff member signing and dating on the appropriate lines.

#### Notes:

- a. In the case of no <u>income</u> documentation, the applicant must declare a total gross household income amount and the appropriate interval (i.e., weekly, monthly, yearly) and include the reason for no documentation.
- b. In the case of no <u>address or identification</u> documentation, the applicant must state the address where they are currently residing (if applicable) and include the reason for no documentation.
- c. The bottom of the Waiver form is good for the **entire certification period** and will allow more than one (1) month of Food Instruments to be issued.
- 3.) The bottom of the Waiver form is also to be used when an applicant declares an income amount of zero. In this case, the middle box on the bottom half of the Waiver form is to be checked. The applicant must state from where they are receiving food and housing.

# **ARIZONA WIC PROGRAM**

# **Documentation of Waiver Form**

For the fol	lowing situations, issue one month of Food Instruments:	
	Documentation of the following exists but was not brought to the appointment. Check all that apply:	
	<ul><li>□ Proof of Income</li><li>□ Proof of Address</li><li>□ Proof of Identification</li></ul>	
	If I qualify for the program, I will be given one (1) month of Food Instruments. I, understand that the above documents are required for WIC certification. If I do not bring the document(s) to my next WIC appointment/visit, within 30 days, I will not be able to particip program.	
	Authorized Representative Signature: WIC Staff Signature:	Date:
For the fol	lowing situations, the applicant, if qualified, can be enrolled on WIC for the entire certification	n period:
Income		
	For Applicants or Authorized Representatives with inadequate income documentation or the income documentation because the documentation does not exist:	nose that do not have
	I declare my total gross household income is \$ Per  Week Every other week Month Year	
	Reason for inadequate or no documentation:  For Applicants or Authorized Representatives with ZERO income. I declare my total gross ZERO. I understand that I can only declare ZERO income one time.	s household income is
	I am getting food from: I am getting housing from:	
Address	or Identification For Applicants or Authorized Representatives with do not have documentation of address because the documentation does not exist:	and/or identification
Addre	ess is:	
	Reason for no proof of address or identification:  I,, verify the above information is correct. providing incorrect or misleading information can result in criminal charges and/or paying and	I understand that
	providing incorrect or misleading information can result in criminal charges and/or paying to Department of Health Services, in cash, the value of the food benefits improperly received	:he Arizona I.
	Authorized Representative Signature:	Date:
	WIC Staff Signature:	Date:

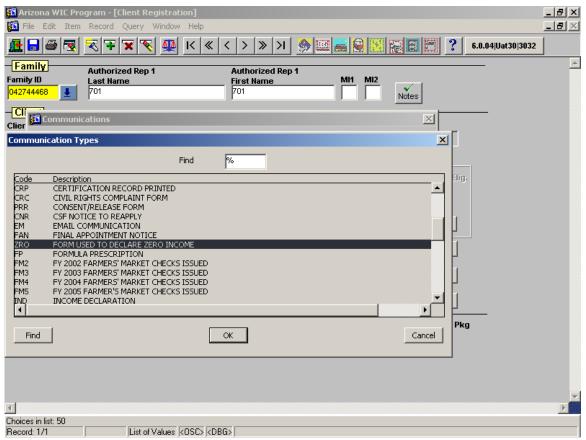
# PROGRAMA DE WIC EN ARIZONA FORMA DE RENUNCIA DE DOCUMENTACIÓN

Nor	Nombre del Participante:				
Par	Para las siguientes situaciones, se le dará instrumentos de comida por un mes:				
	La documentación de los siguientes sí existe pero no fue traída a la cita. Marque todos los que aplican:				
		Prueba de Ingresos Prueba de Dirección Prueba de Identificació	ón		
	documentos documentos	mencionados arriba s	on requeridos para certi	nida, yo, ficar para el programa WIC. <i>I</i> ria dentro de 30 días, ya no po	Además, si no traigo los
	Firma del Re	presentativo Autorizad	lo:		Fecha:
	Firma del Pe	rsonal de WIC:			Fecha:
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		Semana Quincena Dos veces al mes Mes Año			
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	Para los solid CERO.	itantes o representativos	autorizados con CERO d	le ingresos. Yo declaro que el i	ngreso total de mi hogar es
	Yo obter	ngo alimentos de:			
	Yo obter	ngo vivienda de:			
			Dirección o Ide	ntificación	
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	La direccion e	es:			
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	Firma del Re	presentativo Autorizad	lo:		Fecha:
	Firma del Pe	rsonal de WIC:			Fecha:

#### **Zero Income**

A WIC applicant can declare zero income once in their WIC lifetime, not once per certification. This is different from someone stating that they forgot their income documentation or proof of adjunct program participation. When someone declares zero income, it should be documented in the Communications button on the Client Registration screen with the code ZRO for zero income declared. When an applicant declares zero income, check in the Communications button to make sure they have not already used their one chance to declare zero income. Attempting to declare zero income cannot be a barrier to service; we must work with the applicant to determine the amount of in-kind support they are receiving, such as housing, clothing, food, etc. They are not truly surviving on no income.

Fill out 'Income' section at the bottom of the Waiver Form, stating the amount of in-kind income that you determine they are receiving and a reason for no existing documentation. In AIM, enter the amount of in-kind income along with the appropriate interval; use 'Code 20- Waiver Form' as the documentation and 'T - Self-Declared' as the income source.



Communication Types Pop-up showing the ZRO code

## **Ineligibility Notice**

If a participant makes too much income to qualify for WIC, a message flashes in the **Income Calculator** window stating "*Income Not Eligible*." When you return to the **Client Registration** window, the **Ineligibility Reason** field will be auto-filled with the appropriate ineligibility reason. Save your work.

## Printing the Ineligibility Notice

A message is displayed after saving your work that asks if you wish to print the Notice of Ineligibility. Click **Yes** to print the notice.

You may also print an Ineligibility Notice from the **Enrollment and Certification** Module.

Select **Outputs** from the **Enrollment/Certification** splash screen menu bar.

Select **Forms** from the menu.

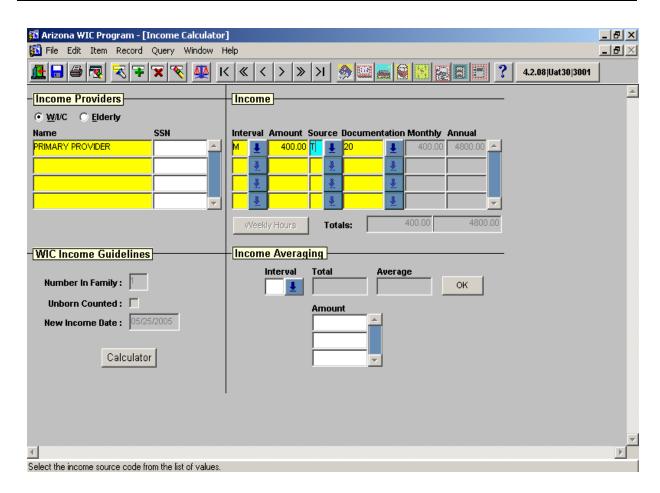
Select Ineligibility Notice.

Complete the parameters window and print the form.

#### **Income Calculator Screen**

Example: At an applicant's certification visit, they say that they don't have proof of income (it doesn't exist); have them fill out Documentation of Waiver form and self-declare that income amount. See the screen shot below.

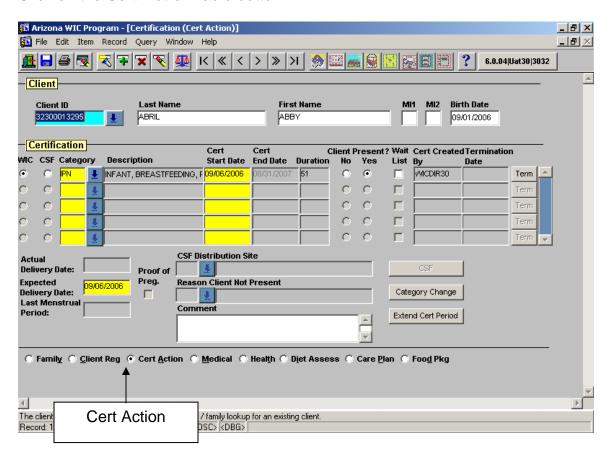
Field / Radio Button name	
W/I/C or Elderly radio button	Select the appropriate radio button.
NAME	This field defaults to "PRIMARY PROVIDER." You can enter a name if desired. If you are entering more than one (1) family member's income, please change Primary Provider to the income providers' names.
SSN	Do not fill in.
INTERVAL	Enter the interval of the income.
AMOUNT	Enter the amount of the income.
SOURCE	Enter the source code "T Self Declared."
DOCUMENTATION	Use the documentation code "20-Waiver Form."
NUMBER IN FAMILY	This carries through from the Client Reg screen.
UNBORN COUNTED	Each baby/fetus the pregnant woman is carrying
	counts as one (1) person in the family, so a
	woman pregnant with one (1) baby counts as a family of two (2).



#### **Section 4: Cert Action Screen**

The **Cert Action** window establishes the participant's category and automatically determines the length of the certification period. This is also where you change a client's category mid-certification, extend a certification by 30 days (if you have the Extend Cert role), recalculate the certification end date when there is a change in a Pregnant (PG) woman's **Expected Delivery Date** (EDD) or **Last Menstrual Period** (LMP), and add a client to the Waiting List.

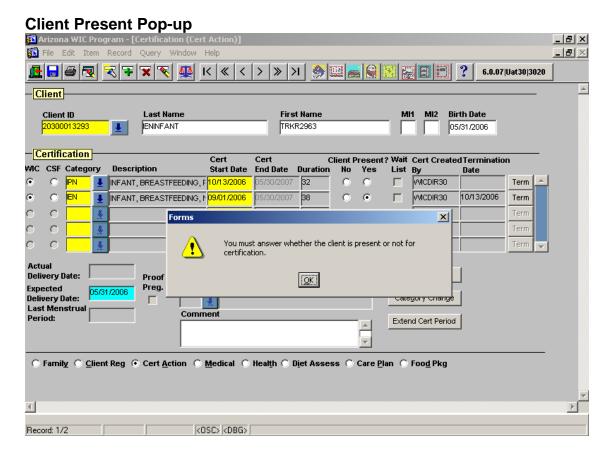
Click on the **Cert Action** radio button.

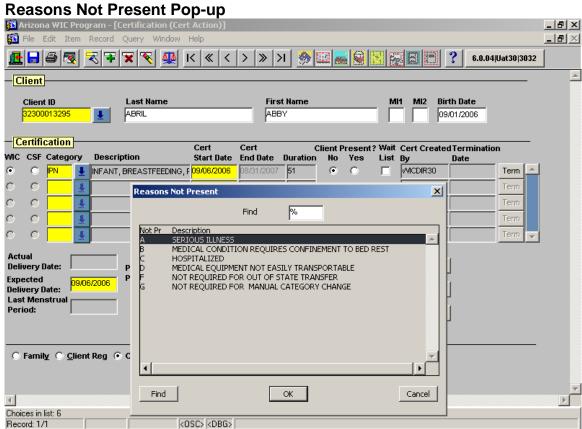


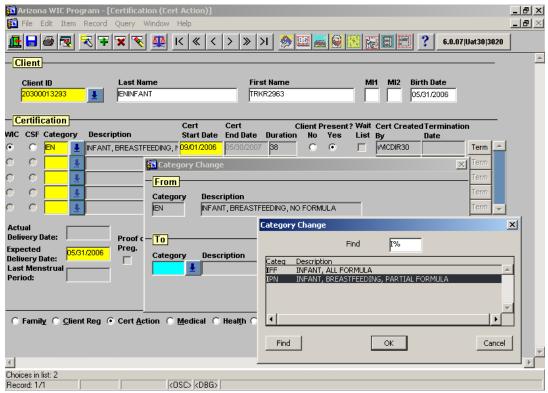
Field Name	Field Information
Client ID, Last Name, First Name, MI1, MI2	This information will be carried over from the Client Registration window.
WIC / CSF	These radio buttons indicate for which program the client is being certified.
Category	This will auto-fill from pre-certification or select correct category from LOV.
Cert Start Date	This field defaults to today's date and should not be manually changed.
Cert End Date, Duration	These are automatically calculated based on the Cert Start Date and cannot be changed.
Client Present Radio Buttons	This question is asking if the client being certified is present. Click in the appropriate button; if 'No' is selected, a reason must be selected as to why they are not present. If it not due to one of WIC's four acceptable reasons for not being present (serious illness, medical condition requiring bed rest (includes pregnancy bed rest, hospitalized, medical equipment not easily transportable), they must be rescheduled for a time when they can be present. A note documenting the presence of any of the above four conditions is required. See screen shots below.
Wait List	This box will be checked automatically by the system if it is determined that the applicant's category and priority are not currently being served.
Cert Created By	This field will auto-fill with the user's name that created the certification. It cannot be changed.
Termination Date	This field cannot be changed and will be populated with the date that the participant was terminated from the WIC/CSFP program.
Term	This button contains the reasons that a certification can be terminated. A certification period cannot be terminated here; it must be done in the Welcome screen, Enrollment and Certification, Certification Info, Cert Action, Termination.

Field Name	Field Information
Actual Delivery Date	Applies to postpartum women. Fill in the actual date that she gave birth.
Expected Delivery Date	For pregnant women, either this field or Last Menstrual Period field must be completed. This field is also required for everyone under age 2 to determine prematurity. See NOTE below.
Last Menstrual Period	For pregnant women, either this field or Expected Due Date field must be completed.
Proof of Pregnancy	Check this box if client brings in proof of pregnancy.  This is not required in Arizona WIC.
Category Change	This button is used to change a participant's category. See further explanation and screen shots below.
Extend Cert Period	If a user extends the certification, they must add a note explaining the reason. Only the users with the Extend Cert role are allowed to extend a certification for emergencies and must document the reason.

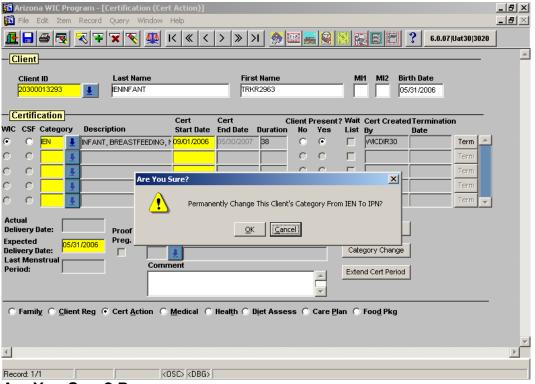
**NOTE:** The Expected Delivery date (EDD) field must be filled in for children up to the age of 2 to determine if they were born 3 or more weeks (21 or more days) early, determining if they were born prematurely. Certain risks (121, 134, 141, 142) are correctly assigned based on the EDD. You can update the EDD field at any time, such as if the mother couldn't remember or if she remembered incorrectly. You may get pop-up messages telling you to update information in other screens to reflect the corrected EDD.



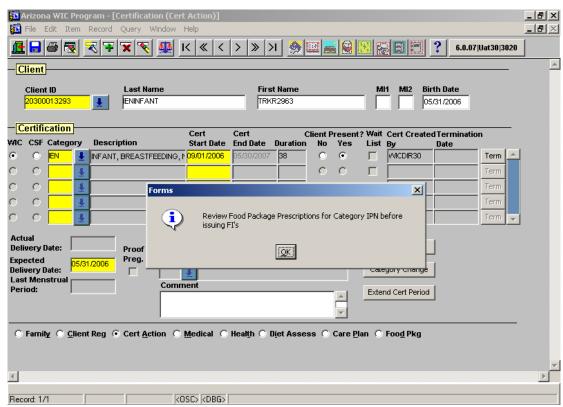




# **Category Change Pop-up**



Are You Sure? Pop-up



**Review Food Package Pop-up** after a category change is completed.

Category Change pop-up fields

Category Change button	This button brings up the Category Change pop-up and allows the client's category to be changed within a certification period and recalculates a new certification period based on the new category. Only use the category change button when a mom and/or infant change their breastfeeding status.**
"From" Category	This field displays the client's current category.
"To" Category	This field identifies the client's new category.

<sup>\*\*</sup>When a woman who is more than six (6) months postpartum quits breastfeeding completely, she is to be removed from the WIC Program. She must be given fifteen (15) days notice of being removed from the WIC Program.

#### Follow these steps:

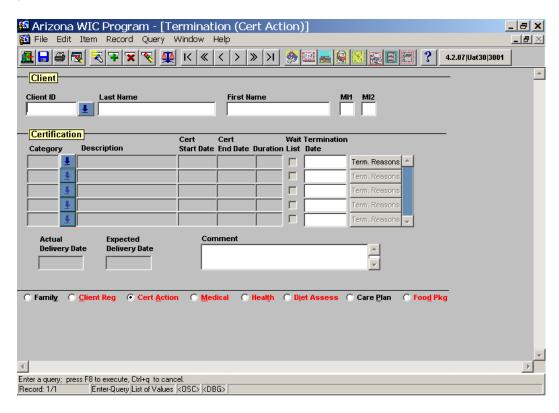
- 1. Change her infant's category to IFF and click 'No' to pop-up 'This 6-Month-Old IFF Infant's Mom Should Be Terminated. Terminate Now?' Select a new food package for the infant.
- Select a Half Postpartum food package for the woman (15 days notice of being removed from the WIC Program)
- 3. Print both food packages.
- 4. Change mom's category to P, which will terminate her from the program.

CSF Distribution Site	This field is mandatory. Select the appropriate distribution site from the LOV.	
CSF pushbutton	This button allows you to select the nutrition education provided and at what site the food box was picked up, using the appropriate list of values. The <b>Pickup Date</b> must then be entered.	

These fields are for CSFP participants only

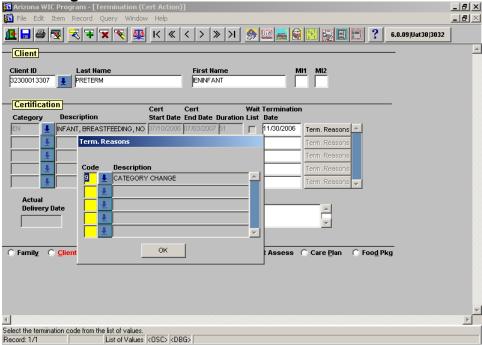
#### **TERMINATION of a CERT**

To terminate a certification, you must go to the **Certification** module from the **Welcome** screen, select **Cert Action** from the menu and **Termination**.



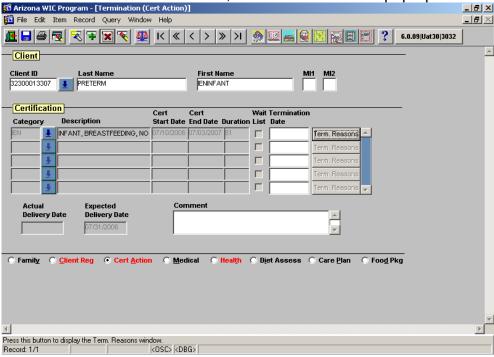
Query the client's ID number and the certification information will auto-fill into the fields. Enter today as the termination date for the certification you wish to terminate. Click on the **Term Reasons** button and select the appropriate termination reason. Save and exit the screen.





If a client in a current certification has been inappropriately terminated, the termination can be reversed. From the **Enrollment and Certification** module, select **Cert Action** and **Termination**. Enter the client ID number and query. Click on the **Term Reasons** button.

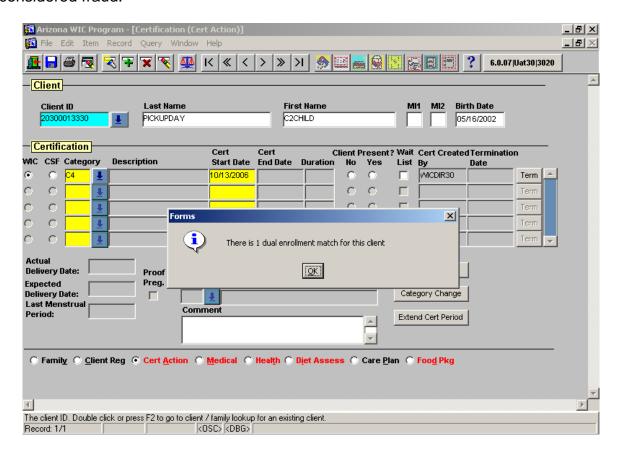
When the pop-up opens, click in the Code field and then click on the red X. Once the Term Reason has been deleted, click OK to close the pop-up.



Once the Termination Reason has been deleted and the pop-up closed, save the screen and return to the client Cert Action screen.

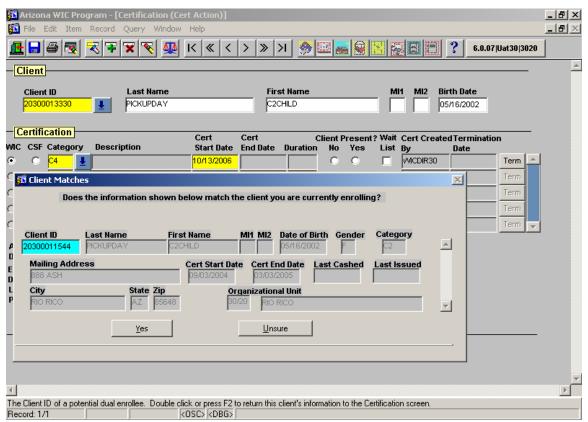
## **Dual Participation**

When a new participant is certified, the AIM system will search the database for any existing participant information that matches the new participant's information. The criteria used to determine the match are the <u>first four letters of the last name</u>, the <u>first six letters of the first name</u>, the <u>birth month and year</u>, and gender. If the system finds any potential duplicate information (or dual enrollment) from the **Client Registration** information, a message will appear once you move to the **Cert Action** screen. This section will review how to resolve the dual enrollment before completing the **Cert Action** window. Participating in more than one WIC Program, or participating in both WIC and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP or Food Plus) is considered fraud.



A message appears stating the number of possible dual enrollments. Click OK.

This opens the Client Matches pop-up.



**Client Matches Pop-up** 

- The pop-up displays all matching participants and their pertinent information.
- Use the scroll bar to view all potential matches.

**Note:** The Client ID is displayed in red for CSFP participants.

Compare your client's information to each matching participant's information. If the information is the same but the address is different, ask the client if they have ever lived at that particular address.

- If your client is the same as one of the matching (existing) clients and the matching (existing) client participates in your clinic, do the following:
  - Click Yes.
  - Your new client's information (that was just entered) will be deleted and the matching client's information will be displayed in the Cert Action window.

- IMPORTANT: You must now return to the Client Registration and / or Family Information windows to verify / update both income and client / family information in order to continue with the certification process.
- If the client participates in another clinic in your agency or in another local agency in Arizona, a message will appear referring to the matching client. It states, "This client is registered in another clinic." Click OK to close the pop-up message. Write down the Family and Client IDs. You will perform an In-State Transfer on this client.
- Exit the Cert Action window.
- Transfer the matching participant to your local agency (refer to the section on In-State Transfers).
- IMPORTANT: You must now return to the Client Registration and / or Family Information windows to verify/update both income and client / family information in order to continue with the certification process.
- If your new client is NOT one of the matching (existing) clients, it is not a dual enrollment.
  - Click the "Unsure" pushbutton.
  - The Client Matches pop-up will close and you can proceed to complete the Cert Action window for your client.
- If you are unsure if your client is the same as the matching clients listed:

For example: You may need to look closer at each record to compare and evaluate more information, such as birth weight or pre-pregnancy weight.

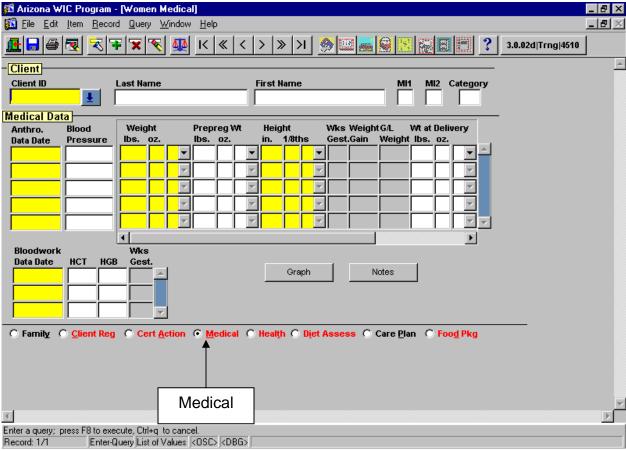
- Click **the Unsure** pushbutton.
- The **Client Matches** pop-up will close and you may proceed to complete the **Cert Action** window for your client.

#### **Section 5: Medical Screen**

The **Medical** window allows you to record anthropometric and bloodwork data. The system will automatically plot this information on a graph for you to review and share with the participant. The medical information needed will vary slightly, depending on the client category (woman, infant, and child).

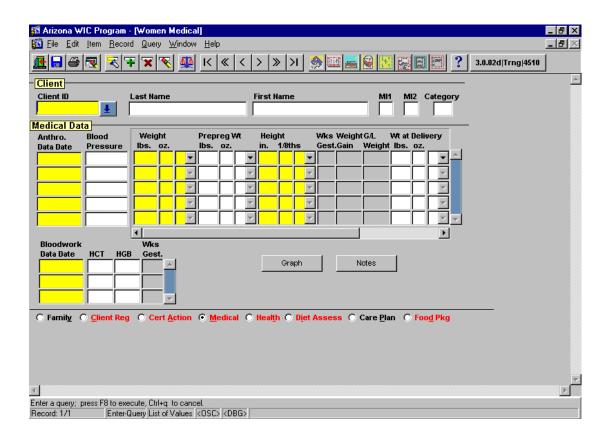
Click on the **Medical** radio button.

The client's category determines the information that needs to be collected.



Women's Medical window

 The AIM system uses information recorded in this window to assign certain risks to the participant.



# **Medical Fields**

Blood Pressure	We do not collect this information nor perform blood pressure checks.
Weight	You will specify E for English to leave the weight in pounds / ounces, or M for metric to convert to kilograms. Either format is acceptable.  NOTE: Weight must be <60 days old. This information can be brought in from an outside source on official paperwork. *
Prepregnancy Wt	Taken verbally from expecting mother. Use English or metric format. This needs to be entered for each pregnancy.
Height	Enter height in inches to the nearest 1/8 <sup>th</sup> inch. <b>NOTE:</b> Weight must be <60 days old. This information can be brought in from an outside source on official paperwork. *
Wks. Gest	AIM calculates and displays the number of week's gestation at the time the medical information is collected.

Weight Gain	The system calculates how much weight has been gained (current weight - pre-pregnancy weight).
G/L Weight	The system calculates how much weight has been gained or lost since the last visit (current weight – weight at last visit).
Wt at Delivery	This is how much she weighed when she delivered. This field is only completed for breastfeeding and postpartum women.
Avg. Wt G/L/Wk	The system calculates and displays the average weight gain or loss per week.
BMI Value	Body Mass Index (BMI) is a ratio of weight to height. BMI is widely used to define overweight and obesity, because it correlates well with more accurate measures of body fatness and is derived from commonly available data – weight and height. The system calculates and displays BMI.
Blood work Data Date	It is mandatory that the date the data was collected be entered. It will auto-fill with today's date but can be changed if information has been brought in from an outside source.
HCT (hematocrit)	You will not perform this test, so you will not likely get many of these blood values. Input the hematocrit value here, if applicable. **
HGB (hemoglobin)	You will perform this test. Input the hemoglobin value here. This must be reflective of the category (ie: a pregnant woman's value must have been obtained during her pregnancy). This value must be <90 days old. This information can be brought in from an outside source on official paperwork. The participant will receive up to three (3) monthly FI issuances until the data is brought in. **
Wks Gest	AIM calculates and displays the number of week's gestation at the time the medical information is collected.

\*NOTE: If Ht, Wt, or Hgb values are brought in from an outside source, they are to be written on official letterhead or prescription pad and must include the date the measurements were taken; when entering this into AIM, this date, not the date on which they are being certified, should be used as the Anthropometric Data Date. Acceptable reasons for not performing height and / or weight at the WIC clinic include situations where the applicant cannot be adequately measured on the clinic equipment (ie: wheelchair, contractures). Values must be provided from the Healthcare Provider.

Birth weight and height may be used for infant certifications. If an infant is not present at their Mid-Cert Health Check appointment, they should be given one month of FIs and brought in next month when they can be measured. Values may be provided from the Healthcare Provider if a serious or contagious illness that would be worsened by coming to the WIC clinic is present.

\*\*If blood work is not or cannot be taken, use these codes to proceed with certification:

99.5
Use if the bloodwork is pending.
This will allow you to only issue one month of FIs

99.6
Hemophilia
or religious
reason that
prevents
blood
draws (i.e.,
Christian
Scientist)

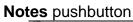
99.7
Use if the bloodwork is not required at this certification

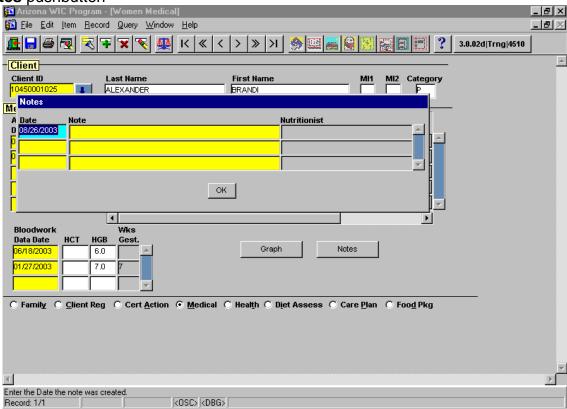
99.8
Use for situations where drawing blood will create a safety hazard to the client or you (HIV/AIDS is not acceptable).

Acceptable reasons for not performing a hemoglobin test are: religious beliefs that do not allow blood to be drawn OR medical condition (ie: hemophilia or serious skin disease) that could cause harm to the applicant if blood were to be collected. A note from a Healthcare Provider is required. HIV/AIDS is not a suitable reason for waiving the test. These situations are to be documented in the Notes section of the Medical screen in AIM. If the reason is due to a medical condition that will resolve in the future, a note is required at each certification.

The 99.X codes are not to be used in place of Ht or Wt measurements. If a client is not present and a height or weight need to be taken, use the code 999 in the height and / or weight fields (AIM will auto-fill a 5 for ounces and 1/8<sup>ths</sup> inch as you tab through the screen) and issue one (1) month of Food Instruments. AIM will not plot these measurements on the graph.

If they are not brought to next month's appointment, they are to be rescheduled for a time when they can be present.



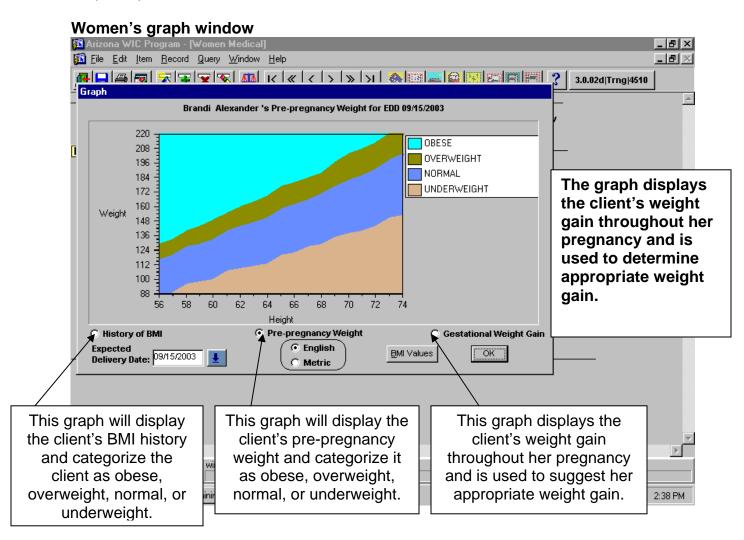


#### **Notes Pop-Up window**

Date	Auto-fills to display today's date	
Note	Available for inserting informative notes on the client	
Nutritionist	Auto-fills to display the user ID of the person currently logged in	

#### **Graph** pushbutton

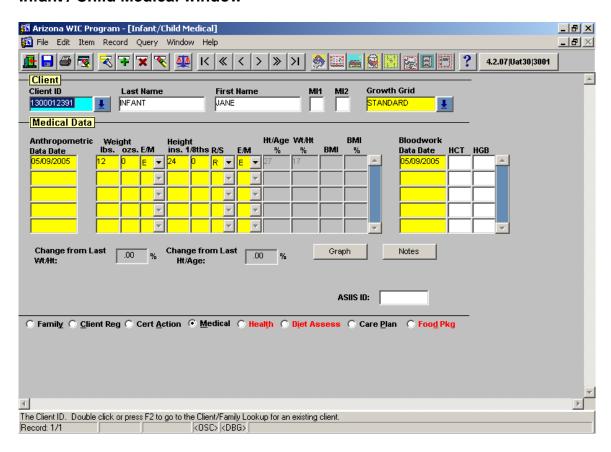
• Use the graphs to review the height / length and weight results with the participant.



Graph Fields
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Expected Delivery Date	The field displays her current pregnancy's delivery date. To view graphs from a previous pregnancy, use the LOV to select the expected delivery date of a prior WIC pregnancy.
English / Metric radio button	Used to format the data, as needed.

#### Infant / Child Medical window



Height	Enter height or length in inches to the nearest 1/8-inch. Specify R or S, depending on how the height / length was measured. Height would be S (standing) and length would be R (recumbent or lying down). Standing height should be obtained starting at 24 months of age if the child is able to stand unassisted. If the child is 24-36 months and is <30 inches while lying down, they must be measured lying down (recumbent). Be sure to change the R/S flag to match how the measurement was obtained.  NOTE: Weight must be <60 days old. This information can be brought in from an outside source on official
	from an outside source on official paperwork.
Weight	You will specify E for English to leave the weight in pounds/ounces, or M for metric to convert to kilograms. Either format is acceptable.

Change from last Wt / Ht	Displays system-calculated change in percentile, compared to the last medical information collected.
Change from last Ht / Age	Displays system-calculated change in percentile, compared to the last medical information collected.
BMI and BMI%	The system calculates and displays BMI and BMI%, comparing this child's BMI to BMIs for other children of the same age. BMI is calculated for children two years of age and older.
Ht / Age %	Displays the system-calculated height-for-age percentile.
Wt / Ht %	Displays the system-calculated weight-for-height percentile.

NOTE: The graphs will not plot for an infant that was born prematurely (3 or more weeks / 21 or more days early) until they have reached the gestational age of 40 weeks. If they come into WIC before their Expected Delivery Date has passed, their graphs will not be plotted until the EDD has passed.

#### Red Scale on the toolbar

- 1. The "needs weight measured" scale should (and does) turn red at times when the child is 6 months old, as well as other times.
- 2. The scale also turns red when participants have one of the following anthropometrics risks:
  - short stature (risk 121)
  - overweight (risk 113)
  - underweight or at risk of becoming underweight (risk 103)

#### AND

are between 12 – 23 weeks from certification and have not had a height/weight done since certification.

3. The scale also turns red if infants over 6 months of age are between 20 – 32 weeks from certification and have not had a height/weight done since certification. The measurements that you provide are valuable to WIC moms so they know if their babies/children are growing properly. The service that you provide to WIC clients is very valuable in improving the health of the people of Arizona.

If you are in the **On Demand** food package screen or the **Family** screen and see that the scale is red, scroll through each family member in **Client Reg** screen to check if anyone needs a height/ weight or hemoglobin done.

Note: Remind mothers to bring infants / children who have underweight, overweight or short stature risks <u>with them</u> to their appointments so that they may be weighed and measured.

#### Section 6: Risks, Health Screen & Nutrition Questionnaire

To be eligible for the WIC Program, a person must have a nutrition or medical risk. Nutrition risks can be divided into categories: Anthropometric, Biochemical, Dietary, Medical, Preventing Regression. The USDA updates all risk factors periodically.

#### **Anthropometric Risk**

#### Measurements

In the WIC program, anthropometric measurement consists of measuring height / length and weight. How a child grows is an important indicator of health. You can monitor the growth of infants and children by taking a series of measurements over time. You can also evaluate the weight of pregnant and postpartum women.

When performing a measurement, it is critical that each one is precise because:

- We use the measurements to establish eligibility in the WIC program.
- Errors can lead to the wrong risk determination and inappropriate counseling at follow-up visits.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) relies on WIC for information about the nation's health.

# Checklist for Weighing Using the Mechanical Infant Scale- for children up to age 24-36 months

- 1. Balance the scale by moving upper and lower weights to zero. Scale is balanced if marker is centered. Make sure scale is away from wall.
- 2. Remove all clothing from infant or child, down to a dry diaper or underwear.
- 3. Place clean scale paper or paper towel on scale. Discard after use.
- 4. Position individual in the center of scale with arms at sides.
- 5. Read weight to the nearest ounce.
- 6. Record measurements in AIM.
- 7. Return upper and lower weights to zero.

## Checklist for Weighing Using the Infant Digital Scale- for children up to age 24-36 months

- 1. Turn the scale on at the off/on switch. The display will show "SECA" and then "0:00." Make sure the scale is in the "pounds" mode rather than the "kilogram" mode.
- 2. Remove all clothing from infant/child down to a dry diaper or underwear.
- 3. Place a clean scale paper or paper towel on scale. Discard after use.
- 4. Position infant/child in center of scale with arms at sides.
- Record measurements in AIM.

# Checklist for Weighing Using the Floor Model Digital Scale- for children 36 months of age and older

- 1. Turn scale on at the off / on switch. The display will show "SECA" and then "0.0." Make sure scale is in the "pounds" mode rather than the "kilogram" mode.
- 2. Have individual remove shoes, jackets, purses, or any other heavy items of clothing
- 3. Place clean scale paper or paper towel on scale. Discard after use.
- 4. Have individual stand in center of the scale.
- 5. Record weight in AIM.

# Checklist for Weighing Women and Children with a Balance Scale- for children 36 months of age and older

- 1. Remove the child's outer clothing and shoes.
- 2. Place the scale in the "zero" position before the child steps on the scale.
- 3. Have the child stand still with both feet in the center of the platform.
- 4. Read the weight to the nearest ounce.
- 5. Record measurements in AIM.
- 6. Return weights to the zero position.

## Checklist for Measuring Using the Infant Measuring Board-up to 24 months of age or 24-36 months and cannot stand unassisted

- 1. Slide adjustable guide or triangle-shaped wood heel-board wide enough to lay infant / child between head and footboards.
- 2. Remove booties or shoes and hair barrettes from infant or child before doing measurement.
- 3. Place clean scale paper or paper towel on measuring board. Discard after use.
- 4. Lay infant / child face up on the measuring board with eyes facing the ceiling.
- 5. Infant / child must be straight and lined up with the board.
- 6. The caregiver should help to keep the child still with eyes facing upward. Use one of your hands to hold the knees and/or legs. Completely straighten the infant / child hips and knees. Use your other hand to slide wood triangle or plastic movable board firmly against both heels with the toes pointing straight up.
- 7. Read length to the nearest 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch at the "Read Here" red arrow.
- 8. Record length in AIM.

# Checklist for Measuring Using the Wall-Mounted Measuring Unit- over 24 months of age

- 1. Have individual remove shoes, coats, and jackets before measuring.
- 2. Loosen the adjustable screw on the side of measuring board. Hold plastic headpiece by the handle and pull upward so individual can fit underneath.
- 3. Have individual stand as straight as possible, with back and heels touching the wall, heels slightly apart.
- 4. Lower headboard until it touches the crown of the head firmly. Make sure the board is not just resting on the hair but actually touching the top of the head.
- 5. Tighten the adjustable screw on the side of the board until it stops. Have individual walk away from under the board.
- 6. Read the height to the nearest 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch at the "Read Here" red arrow.
- 7. Record height in AIM.

#### **Anthropometric Risks**

	PREGNANT WOMAN'S ANTHROPOMETRIC RISK TABLE			
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority	
101	Underweight	Prepregnancy BMI < 19.8	1	
111	Overweight	Prepregnancy BMI ≥26.1	1	
131	Low Maternal Weight Gain	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimesters (<4 lbs/mo. for underweight, <2lbs/mo. for normal/ overweight, <1lb/mo. for obese) or low wt gain outside of shaded area on grid at any point in pregnancy	1	
132	Maternal Weight Loss	Any weight loss below prepregnancy wt during 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester or wt loss of ≥ 2 lbs in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimesters	1	
133	High Maternal Weight Gain	All trimesters (≥7 lbs/mo. for all weight groups)	1	

BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S ANTHROPOMETRIC RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority BF	Priority P
101	Underweight	BFing women who are <6 months postpartum: prepregnant or current BMI <18.5 BFing women who are >6 months postpartum: Current BMI <18.5 Postpartum women: prepregnant or current BMI <18.5	1	3
111	Overweight	BFing women who are <6 months postpartum: prepregnancy BMI ≥25 BFing women who are >6 months postpartum: current BMI ≥25 Postpartum women: prepregnant BMI ≥25	1	6
133	High Maternal Weight Gain	PP and BF women pre-PG underwt. >40 lbs gained, normal wt. >35 lbs gained, overwt. >25 lbs gained, obese >15 lbs gained.	1	6

	INFANT'S ANTHROPOMETRIC RISK TABLE			
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority	
103	Underweight or at Risk of Becoming Underweight	≤ 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile Wt/Length Measurements need to be taken every 3-4 months.	1	
121	Short Stature	≤10 <sup>th</sup> percentile length/age (Use alone for a maximum of 2 certification periods unless progress is shown. Measurements need to be taken every 3-4 months.)	1	
134	Failure to Thrive	Presence of Failure to Thrive	1	
141	Low Birth Weight	Birth weight ≤5lbs 8oz.	1	
142	Premature Infant	37 weeks or less gestation	1	
151	Small for Gestational Age	<10 <sup>th</sup> percentile weight for gestational age at birth or small for gestational age diagnosed by physician	1	
153	Large for Gestational Age	≥9 pounds at birth or ≥90 <sup>th</sup> percentile weight/gestational age at birth	1	

	CHILD'S ANTHROPOMETRIC RISK TABLE			
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority	
103	Underweight or at Risk of Becoming Underweight	≤10 <sup>th</sup> percentile BMI Measurements need to be taken every 3-4 months.	3	
113	Overweight	≥ 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile BMI or ≥95 <sup>th</sup> percentile weight/stature (Use alone for a maximum of two certification periods unless progress is shown, for ≥ two-year-old children.  Measurements need to be taken every 3-4 months.)	3	
121	Short Stature	≤10 <sup>th</sup> percentile length/height for age	3	
134	Failure to Thrive	Presence of Failure to Thrive	3	
141	Low Birth Weight (C1s only)	Birth weight ≤5lbs 8oz.	3	
142	Premature (C1s only)	Birth at less than or equal to 37 weeks gestation (C1s only)	3	
151	Small for Gestational Age (C1s only)	<10 <sup>th</sup> percentile weight/gestational at birth or small for gestational age diagnosed by physician (C1s only)	3	

#### **Biochemical Risk**

The WIC Program uses the hematocrit and / or hemoglobin blood tests to determine a person's level of iron. A low level of iron can cause iron-deficiency anemia that can lead to a person being tired, having poor growth, or even more serious health problems.

Iron-Deficiency Anemia in the WIC Program

#### Iron-deficiency anemia is most likely to occur in these situations:

- Pregnant women because they need extra blood for their developing baby.
- Infants and children due to their rapid growth.
- Persons who have lost a large amount of blood.
- Persons who do not eat enough iron-rich foods.
- Persons whose bodies are not able to absorb the iron from the foods they eat.

#### Signs of anemia

- Weakness
- Tiredness and sleepiness
- Loss of appetite
- Pale skin color in fair-skinned people
- Lack of resistance to colds and other infections
- Trouble concentrating (school-age children)

#### Iron-deficiency anemia can be prevented with these iron rich foods:

- Beef, pork, lamb, chicken
- Liver, kidney
- Iron-fortified cereal
- Dried beans
- Dark leafy greens
- Eggs

## Hemoglobin Test for Iron-Deficiency Anemia

The hemoglobin test directly measures the concentration of hemoglobin in the blood. The Arizona WIC Program uses the HemoCue® Hemoglobin Photometer to perform its hemoglobin tests. A drop of blood is drawn into a microcuvette which has a reagent that mixes with the blood and causes the hemoglobin to be released from the red blood cell. The microcuvette is placed in the HemoCue machine to measure the color intensity of the hemoglobin that has been released. This produces a value that is to be entered into AIM.

#### Anemia Standards

When you know the person's hemoglobin value, you can compare it to cutoff values for anemia established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This comparison is done by AIM once you input the hemoglobin value. AIM will indicate if this value is low and will then assign a risk.

There may be changes in hemoglobin values that are considered normal. Some reasons for these changes are:

- Levels tend to rise as a young child ages.
- Levels tend to drop and rise again as a woman progresses in her pregnancy.
- Levels tend to rise in people living in higher altitudes because there is less oxygen in the air they breathe. The body tries to make up for less oxygen by producing more hemoglobin.

## Timeframes for collecting bloodwork data

See next page for guidelines.

# Lead Screening in the WIC Program

**Lead Screening:** Low income infants/children are at higher risk for lead poisoning; therefore, all Authorized Representatives of all infant/child participants will be asked if the child has received a lead screening from a healthcare provider. Infants/children should receive lead screening at 9 to 12 months of age and again at approximately 24 months of age. All children 36-72 months of age who have not been previously screened should receive a lead screening using a blood lead test. For instructions on how to document lead screening status, see Section 7 on the Care Plan screen.

Category	Age Blood Work Required	Certification Blood Work Required	Exceptions to Certification Blood Work Required
Pregnant women	None	1 blood test taken during pregnancy	Prenatal women can be certified without blood work if: • at least one qualifying nutritional risk is present at certification and • blood test is obtained within 90 days of certification
Postpartum women	None	1 blood test taken 4-6 weeks after end of pregnancy	None
Breastfeeding women	None	1 blood test taken 4-6 weeks after end of pregnancy	None
Infants <9 months	None	None	None
Infants 9 months or older	Blood work required once between 9-12 months	Blood work required for infants certifying between 9-12 months	Blood work taken between 12-13 months can be used when no other blood work is available for infant category
Children 12-24 months	Blood work required once between 12-24 months (6 months after infant test)*	Blood work required at initial certification  All children are	
Children 24-60 months	None	required to have blood work on an annual basis unless previous blood work result demonstrated nutritional risk eligibility for low Hgb. In this case, blood work is needed every 6 months.	

<sup>\*</sup>Blood work taken at or before the first birthday does not satisfy the requirement for both the infant blood work and the children's 12-24 month blood work. Separate blood work is required for each age range.

#### Steps to obtaining a blood sample

#### **Assemble supplies –** You will need the following items:

1. Gloves, alcohol prep pads, sterile lancets, Kim Wipes®, cuvettes in closed vial, bandages (not for children under age two), sharps container, biohazard bag, HemoCue® machine, 10% bleach solution or disinfectant spray, antimicrobial soap (or alcohol-based cleanser in situations where sink and soap are not available).

#### Cleanse and glove hands

- Wash hands with antimicrobial soap and water (or cleanse with anti-microbial hand cleaner or hand wipes where sink and soap are not available), and put on gloves.
- CHANGE GLOVES BETWEEN EVERY BLOOD TEST!

#### **Position Client**

- 1. For infants up to 18 months of age, a seated adult holds the infant over adult's shoulder or baby lies face-down across lap for heel stick.
- 2. For everyone else, seat client and extend arm with palm up.
- 3. BE SURE THAT PUNCTURE SITE IS LOWER THAN THE HEART.

#### Choose site

- For infants, use either side of the bottom of the heel when the baby is held over caregiver's shoulder. Never puncture the back curvature of the heel. NOTE: a special lancet (shorter than that used on adults' fingers) should be used for heelsticks.
- 2. For everyone else, seat the participant or ask someone to help with a child. For instance, the caregiver may hold the child in his / her lap using both arms to keep the child still while you perform the procedure.
- 3. Have the client extend her / his arm with the hand lower than the heart and palm up. Use the middle or ring finger (these fingers have the best blood circulation), but choose a finger that doesn't have a ring on it.
- 4. If all fingers have rings on them, have them remove rings from one finger (middle or ring finger) and begin rubbing and massaging hands to improve / restore circulation.

#### Warm the site

- 1. The site should not be cold, blue, swollen or calloused.
- 2. If cold, warm the site by holding it in your hands, rubbing it for a minute, or by having the participant wash their hands vigorously with warm running water and soap or they can gently sit on their hands.

#### Cleanse the site

- 1. Cleanse the site thoroughly with an alcohol wipe. If they have just washed their hands with soap and warm water, do not use an alcohol wipe since this will cool their skin down again and their hands are clean.
- 2. Wipe site with tissue or lint-free wipe. Be sure skin is dry.
- 3. Note: Pooled alcohol at the puncture site will dilute and hemolyze the blood, giving a lower reading, if skin surface is not dried completely.

#### Hold the site

- 1. For infants, position the foot below the infant's heart. Encircle the heel by wrapping the index finger around the arch and the thumb around the bottom of the heel. Grasp the heel or finger firmly between your thumb and index finger, using your thumb in a gentle rocking movement.
- 2. For everyone else, lightly press the finger from the closest knuckle to the tip in a rolling motion to stimulate the flow of blood to the sampling point. This is called "rock and roll" and is not considered "milking."

**WHAT NOT TO DO:** Do not touch the prepared site after cleaning. Do not "milk" the finger to speed the process. Squeezing or milking dilutes the blood and gives a false low reading.

#### Puncture the site

- 1. For infants, when using the heel, puncture only on the medial or lateral side of the bottom surface (the fleshy part that is to either side of their bony heel). Do not puncture the foot if there are bruises, abrasions or sloughing skin.
- For everyone else, puncture the side of the finger pad nearest the thumb in one continuous motion using a retractable lancet. The side of the finger pad is recommend and will hurt less than on top of the finger pad since there are less nerve endings.

#### Fill the cuvette

- Wipe away the first two-three drops of blood to stimulate spontaneous blood flow. If necessary, press gently again with thumb and forefinger until another drop of blood appears. Avoid "milking."
- 2. Ensure that the drop of blood is big enough to fill the entire cuvette, including the tip. Touch the tip of cuvette, **pointing downward**, into the middle of the blood drop so the cuvette touches the skin.
- 3. The cuvette will fill itself automatically. Never "top off" the cuvette. This will disrupt the chemical reaction that is already occurring in the cuvette.
- 4. Wipe excess blood off the flat outside surfaces of the cuvette, being careful not to touch the open-ended tip. Ensure that no blood is pulled back out of the cuvette.

**Example** "Swipe" the cuvette like a knife across a gauze pad or lintfree wipe to remove any excess blood from the outside surfaces. Do not wipe the open "slit" of the cuvette.

5. If the cuvette does not fill completely on the first try, or if air bubbles are visible, discard the cuvette, wipe the puncture site and allow a new, larger bead of blood to form before collecting into the cuvette again.

#### Measuring Hemoglobin value

1. Within 10 minutes of filling the cuvette, place it in its holder and gently push the holder into the machine. The results will be displayed within 60 seconds.

#### Seal and bandage site

- 1. Place dry gauze or lint-free tissue over a puncture site and apply gentle pressure until wound is clotted. Elevating the hand or foot above the level of the heart will help to stop the blood flow.
- 2. Apply the bandage.
- 3. Do not use bandages on a child's finger less than two years of age to prevent potential choking or ingestion.

#### Cleanse surface

1. If any blood spills on the HemoCue® machine, work surfaces, or skin, cleanse with a 10% bleach solution or disinfectant spray immediately.

#### **Disposal of supplies**

- Throw away any paper wrappers, alcohol prep pads, gauze, lint-free tissues, gloves and any other supplies which are not saturated and dripping with blood in a wastebasket.
- 2. Throw away any supplies that are saturated and dripping with blood in the red biohazard bag. If your gloves are contaminated with blood, turn the gloves inside out while taking them off and place in red bag with other supplies.
- 3. Throw away all lancets and used cuvettes in the sharps container.

#### Remove gloves

- 1. Remove and discard gloves after each client and after handling contaminated waste.
- 2. Clean hands with antimicrobial soap and water, alcohol-based cleanser or hand wipes if water is not available.

### **Biochemical Risks**

BREAS	BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S BIOCHEMICAL RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority BF	Priority P	
201	Anemia	Low hemoglobin or hematocrit (see table)	1	3	
211	Lead Poisoning	Blood lead levels of ≥10 micrograms per deciliter within the past 12 months	1	3	

PREGNANT WOMAN'S BIOCHEMICAL RISK TABLE			
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority
201	Anemia	Low hemoglobin or hematocrit (see table)	1
211	Lead Poisoning	Blood lead levels of ≥10 micrograms per deciliter within the past 12 months	1

CHILD'S BIOCHEMICAL RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Priority			
201	Anemia	Low hemoglobin or hematocrit (see table)	3	
211	Lead Poisoning	Blood lead levels of ≥10 micrograms per deciliter within the past 12 months	3	

INFANT'S BIOCHEMICAL RISK TABLE					
Risk Code	Risk Code Risk Name Description				
201	Anemia	Low hemoglobin or hematocrit (see table)	1		
211	Lead Poisoning	Blood lead levels of ≥10 micrograms per deciliter within the past 12 months	1		

#### **Dietary Risk**

## The diets of low-income populations have been shown to be low in 5 major nutrients:

- Protein
- Calcium
- Iron
- Vitamin A
- Vitamin C

#### The diets of most Americans tend to be high in 3 things:

- Fat
- Sugar
- Salt

People often find it hard to improve their diets, even when health professionals explain the benefits. They are faced with many decisions that need to be made each day. The major role of WIC is to ensure that clients are provided with the means to select and obtain healthy foods.

#### By improving the diets of its participants, the WIC Program can:

- Reduce infant mortality and morbidity
- Improve intellectual performance
- Reduce mental retardation and handicapping conditions
- Reduce utilization of perinatal intensive care centers
- Reduce overall cost of medical care

A complete dietary assessment is required at each client's certification. A complete dietary assessment means assessing the WIC client by asking every existing question in the AIM Health screen <u>and</u> asking every question from the category-specific questionnaire that are found in AIM. These questionnaires are used to assess a person's eating / feeding habits, food preparation, food likes / dislikes, meal times, weight gain / loss and developmental readiness of infants and children.

The nutrition questionnaires are required at each certification and at an infant's 6-month health check. The questionnaire is not required for second nutrition education contacts or follow-ups or for children who are transferred into the Arizona WIC Program during a certification period. Past questionnaires can be viewed at nutrition education follow-ups if you want to follow-up on goals and review nutrition practices that were previously discussed. New questionnaires can be completed at any time by clicking in the date field and clicking the green +.

The questionnaires are used to identify risks for WIC eligibility. The questionnaires <u>must</u> be completed even if a dietary risk is identified from the Medical or Health screens. If a risk is identified after the completion of the dietary questionnaire, the risk will need to be manually assigned (added) in the Health screen in AIM.

Two of the WIC Program's nutritional risks are 1.) Failure to Meet Dietary Guidelines and 2.) Dietary Risk Associated with Complementary Feeding Practices. You may assign either of these risks even when no other nutritional risk is obvious. A person may appear fine, but in reality, they may have, for example, inappropriate feeding / eating practices, ingestion of toxic / harmful substances or a diet with inadequate calories / nutrients. This is why it is important to serve them through WIC, even though they may not show outward signs of a nutritional risk. Any assignment of risk 401 or 428 or the assignment of risk 411, 425, or 427 (broad nutrition risks) will require more documentation in the Notes section of the Care Plan screen in AIM.

A complete dietary assessment and risk assignment will include the following:

- 1. Complete the AIM Health History questions.
- Complete the category-specific nutrition questionnaire in the AIM Nutrition Questionnaire screen. Even though some questions may not seem appropriate for to ask the caregiver of a newborn infant, it is important to ask <u>all</u> of the questions to be sure that the caregiver is not using inappropriate feeding practices.
- 3. Manually assign (add) any dietary risks, up to 3, that are identified through the questionnaires in the AIM Health screen. Not all dietary risks that are identified need to be assigned; choose the most important ones.
- 4. If <u>no</u> dietary risks are identified through the questionnaire, assign either risk 401 (Failure to Meet *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* for C2, C3, C4, PG1, PG2, EN, PN, P) or 428 (Dietary Risk Associated with Complementary Feeding Practices for IEN, IPN, IFF, C1). Do not recalculate risks.
- 5. Document the reason for the assignment of broad risks 411, 425, 427, 401, or 428 in Notes section of the AIM Care Plan screen.

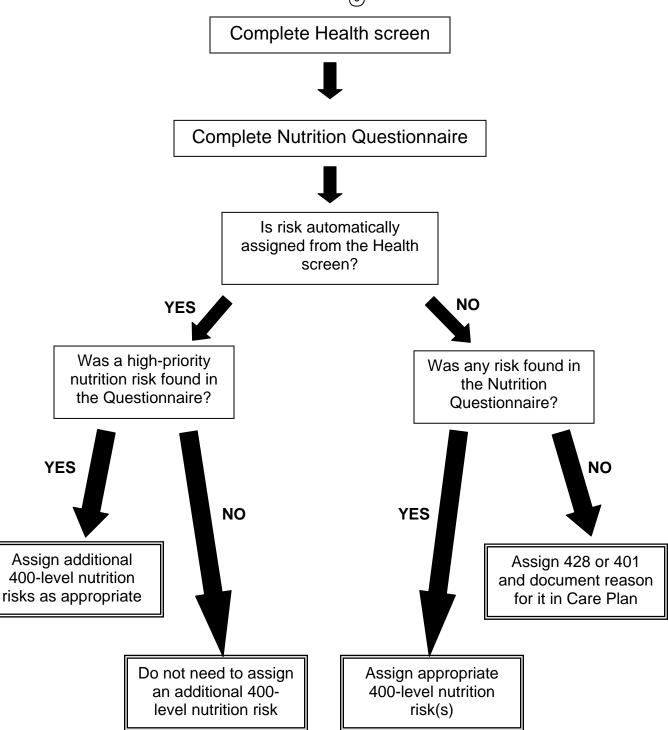
The <u>Definitions of Dietary Risks</u> document will help you recognize which risks should be assigned, based on their answers. When it comes to providing nutrition education on a dietary risk that has been identified, the <u>Nutrition Questionnaire Counseling Tool</u> provides other probing questions that you might ask and will help you to better understand the topic(s) that you will discuss.

# <u>Below are some additional instructions for manually assigning nutritional risk in AIM:</u>

- If at least one risk has been automatically assigned from the Health screen:
  - You do not have to assign a 400-level (nutrition-related) risk unless it is of high priority and/or it is a topic upon which you will educate.
  - Choking hazards, unsafe/unsanitary food practices, cereal/juice in the bottle, bottle at night time, and high caffeine intake among infants/children are **some** examples of habits that would be especially important to document by assigning risk.
- If **no** risk is automatically assigned from the Health screen but risk **is** found in the Nutrition Questionnaire:
  - o Assign at least 1-3 nutritional risks (from categorical codes 411, 425, 427).
  - If you use broad codes 411, 425, or 427 (without decimal places),
     document the reason for using them in the Notes section of the Care Plan.
- If **no** risk is automatically assigned from the Health screen and **no** risk is found in the Nutrition Questionnaire:
  - Assign risk code 428 (infants and C1s) or 411 (C2, C3, C4, women).
  - Document the reason for assigning these codes in the Notes section of the Care Plan.
    - Example: "No other risk found."

\*\*\*Please see the flow chart, below\*\*\*

# Nutrition Risk Assignment Process



## <u>Additional instructions for completing the food checkbox portion of the Health</u> screen:

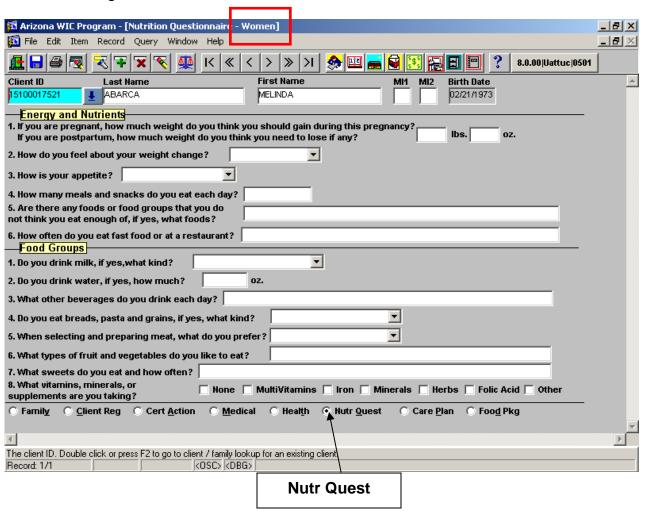
- The foods listed are either developmentally inappropriate (choking hazards, coffee, tea) or low in nutrients (soda, candy).
- If some of these food items are checked, AIM will automatically assign a 400-level risk. If this is the case, you do not have to assign an additional nutrition risk after going through the questionnaire, unless you believe the participant is doing something that may be of a higher priority.
  - For example: the Authorized Rep. may state that the child is eating candy a few times a week. When you get to the Nutrition Questionnaire, you may find that he does not drink any milk or eat any dairy products and does not have any source of calcium in his diet.
  - You would probably assign risk 425.6 (routinely feeding a diet very low in calories and/or essential nutrients).
  - Remember: the purpose of doing this assessment is to know the "big picture" and to tailor education messages to the client's needs. If you identify something on which you want to educate, it is important to assign a risk to it.
- When asking the client or Authorized Representative if the foods listed in the Health screen are eaten, it is important to check the checkbox if the client says, "sometimes" or "every once in a while."
  - Choking hazards: offering a young child a choking hazard food that has
    not been modified to be age-appropriate (i.e. cutting grapes) can be
    "risky," even if it is offered only once. It is important to make note of this in
    AIM by checking it in the Health screen. Depending on the client, it may
    be a key topic of nutrition education.
  - "Unhealthy" foods: while less healthy foods may have a place in a client's
    diet if eaten "occasionally," it still is worth checking them on the Health
    screen. You do not need to educate on every risk identified through the
    assessment process, but if for some reason you do not identify any
    additional risk in the Nutrition Questionnaire, you can go back to these
    automatically-generated risks from the Health screen.

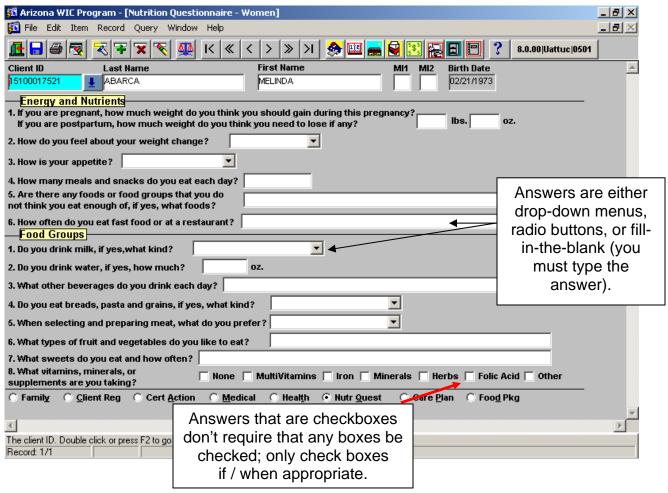
The questionnaires are used to evaluate a client's feeding / eating habits, food preparation, food likes / dislikes, meal times, weight gain / loss, and developmental readiness of infants and children. They allow us to do a more individualized assessment of the client / Authorized Representative. The questions should be asked in a way that allows the client / Authorized Representative to answer with

more than just a 'yes' or 'no' answer; this is called an open-ended question. Their answers to the questions help us to see the 'bigger picture.'

#### **The Nutrition Questionnaire**

- 1. Select the Nutr Quest radio button in AIM. The appropriate questionnaire will appear, based on the client's category. Notice the red box below, indicating that it is a woman's questionnaire.
- If no risks were identified for the client in the Medical or Health screens, the Nutrition Questionnaire may identify another dietary risk. Even if a risk was identified, you still must complete the Questionnaires for every client being certified.





2. Ask <u>each</u> question of the client or client's caregiver. Even if a question doesn't seem appropriate (ie: a newborn shouldn't be getting anything but infant formula or breast milk), you still must ask the questions to make sure the caregiver is not using any inappropriate feeding practices. You may identify risks as the client / caregiver answers the questions. <u>Wait until the end of the assessment to counsel</u> on any risks that you may have identified.

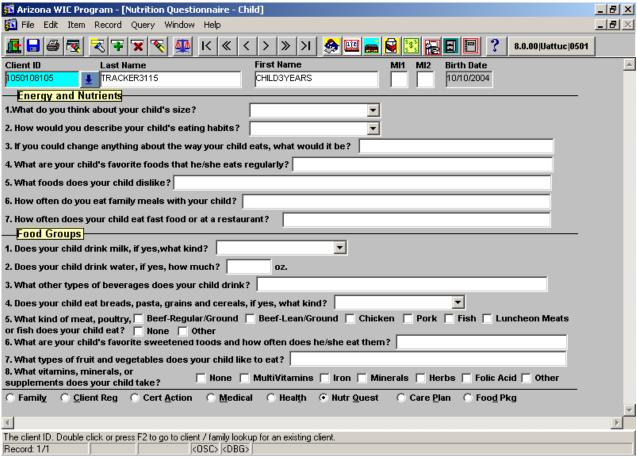
## NOTE: When assessing an infant's diet, follow these guidelines regarding foods consumed:

- In question 4 of the first section, if the Authorized Representative **states** that the infant is not consuming any of the foods listed (baby cereal, vegetables, fruits, meats, desserts, other) and is only receiving breast milk and/or formula, leave this question blank.
  - Note: If the Authorized Representative says that the infant receives water, in addition to breast milk and/or prepared formula, <u>do not</u> check the box "other." Other beverages will be addressed in question 9.
  - Question 9 refers to beverages offered besides breast milk or formula, so "water" and other beverages offered can be recorded there instead.

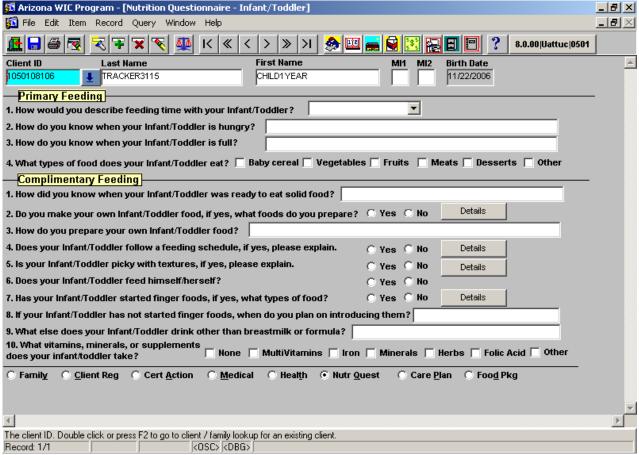
• If the infant is only receiving breast milk, formula, and possibly water, as ascertained by questions 4 in the "Primary Feeding" section and 9 in the "Complementary Feeding" section, questions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 of the "Complementary Feeding" section do not need to be asked. CNWs can type "N/A" in the free text space for these questions. (Note: question 4 of the "Complementary Feeding" section will still be asked.)

It is important to ask the Authorized Representative if anything types of foods are given, even if the infant is only a few months old. We cannot assume that newborns are receiving only breast milk and/or formula.

- 3. Once all questions have been answered, you must go back to the Health screen and manually assign (add with the green + up to 3 risks) any risks that were identified through the questionnaire. The risks will not be automatically assigned by AIM.
- 4. Past questionnaires can be viewed at nutrition education follow-ups if you want to follow-up on goals and review nutrition practices that were previously discussed. This can be done by clicking in one of the answer fields and clicking the < arrow on the top menu bar. At the client's next certification, the screen will appear blank and a new questionnaire can be completed for that date.</p>



Children's Questionnaire



Infant's Questionnaire

# The Arizona WIC Program Nutrition Questionnaire Paper Screening Tool

Arizona WIC and the AIM system are paperless; the paper form of the Nutrition Questionnaire is simply to help you identify what risks, if any, are appropriate and should be assigned to the client. You are not required to use the paper tools because they are already found in AIM. They are available in both English and Spanish languages.

The following pages are examples of the Paper Tools.

Name:	
Date of Birth:	

PRIMARY FEEDING (PLEASI QUESTIONS)	E CHECK OR WRITE YOUR A	ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING	POSSIBLE RI ASSIGNMEN	
QUESTIONS)			INFANT	C1
How would you describe feeding time with your infant/toddler?		□ Usually pleasant □ Never pleasant	411	425
How do you know when your infant/toddler is hungry?	9 29		411 411.4 411.7 411.8	425 425.4
3. How do you know when your infant/toddler is full?			411 411.4 411.7 411.8	425 425.4
4. What types of food does your infant/toddler eat?	☐ Baby cereal ☐ Vegeta☐ Desserts ☐ Other	ables □ Fruits □ Meats	411	425
COMPLIMENTARY	FEEDING (PLEASE	CHECK OR WRITE YOUR ANSWERS	O THE FOLLOWING	QUESTIONS)
How did you know when your infant/toddler was ready to eat solid food?			411.3 411.4	425.1
Do you make your own infant/toddler food, if yes, what foods do you prepare?			411.3 411.5	425.4 425.5
3. How do you prepare your own infant/toddler food?			411 411.5	425 425.5
Does your infant/toddler follow a feeding schedule, if yes, please explain.			411.7 411.8	425.6
5. Is your infant/toddler picky with textures, if yes, please explain.		AA	411	425 425.4
6. Does your infant/toddler feed himself/herself?			411.3 411.4	425.4
7. Has your infant/toddler started finger foods, if yes, what types of food?			411.3 411.4 411.5	425.4
8. If your infant/toddler has not started finger foods, when do you plan on introducing them?			411.3 411.4	425.4
9. What else does your infant/toddler drink other than breastmilk or formula?			411 411.5 411.10	425 425.1 425.2
10. What vitamins, minerals or supplements does your infant/toddler take?	☐ Iron (Amount ☐ Minerals (Amount	Frequency) Frequency) Frequency) Frequency)	411.10	425.7
Client ID:				

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Name: Date of Birth:		TURNET .
ENERGY AND NUTRIENTS (PLEASE CH QUESTIONS)	ECK OR WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING	POSSIBLE RISK ASSIGNMENT
What do you think about your child's size?	□ Too little □ Okay □ Too big	425
How would you describe your child's eating habits?	☐ Okay ☐ Picky ☐ Too much ☐ Not enough	425 / 425.6 / 425.4
3. What are your child's favorite foods that he/she eats regularly?		425
4. What foods does your child dislike?		425
5. How often do you eat family meals with your child?		425
6. How often does your child eat fast food or at a restaurant?		425
FOOD GROUPS (PLEASE CHECK OR W	RITE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS)	
Does your child drink milk, if yes,     what kind?	□ Skim □ 1% □ 2% □ Whole □ Lactaid □ Soy Milk □ Rice Milk □ Flavored Milk □ Other	425 / 425.1 / 425.2 / 425.5
2. Does your child drink water, if yes, how much?		425
What other types of beverages does your child drink?		425.1 / 425.2 / 425.5
4. Does your child eat breads, pasta, grains, and cereals, if yes, what kind?	□ White □ 100% Whole Wheat □ Bran □ Other	425
5. What kind of meat, poultry, or fish does your child eat?	□ Beef- Regular/Ground       □ Beef-Lean/Ground         □ Luncheon Meats       □ Chicken       □ Pork       □ Fish       □ None       □ Other	425 / 425.5
6. What are your child's favorite sweetened foods and how often does he/ she eat them?		425
7. What types of fruit and vegetables does your child like to eat?		425 / 425.5
8. What vitamins, minerals or supplements does your child take?	□ None   □ Multivitamin (Amount	425.7
Client ID:		





# Momen's Autrition Questionnaire

Name:	A STATE OF THE STA	
Date of Birth:		
ENERGY AND NUTRIENTS (F	PLEASE CHECK OR WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING	POSSIBLE RISK ASSIGNMENT
1. If you are pregnant, how much weight do you think you should gain during this pregnancy? If you are postpartum, how much weight do you think you need to lose if any?		427
2. How do you feel about your weight change?	□ Too little □ Okay □ Too much	427
3. How is your appetite?	□ Poor □ Fair □ Good □ Excellent	427.2
4. How many meals and snacks do you eat each day?		427.2
5. Are there any foods or food groups that you do not think you eat enough of, if yes, what foods?	THE PARTY AND TH	427
6. How often do you eat fast food or at a restaurant?		427
FOOD GROUPS (PLEAS QUESTIONS)	SE CHECK OR WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING	
Do you drink milk, if yes,     what kind?	□ Skim □ 1% □ 2% □ Whole □ Lactaid □ Soy Milk □ Rice Milk □ Other	427 427.5
2. Do you drink water, if yes, how much?		427
3. What other beverages do you drink each day?		427 427.5
4. Do you eat breads, pasta, and grains, if yes, what kind?	□ White □ 100% Whole Wheat □ Bran □ Other	427
5. When selecting and preparing meat, what do you prefer?	□ Regular □ Lean □ Extra Lean □ Other □ I don't eat meat	427 427.5
6. What types of fruit and vegetables do you like to eat?		427 427.5
7. What sweets do you eat and how often?		427
What vitamins, minerals or supplements are you taking?	□ None           □ Prenatal Vitamin (Amount Frequency)           □ Multivitamin (Amount Frequency)           □ Iron (Amount Frequency)           □ Minerals (Amount Frequency)           □ Herbs (Amount Frequency)           □ Folic Acid (Amount Frequency	427.1 427.4

Client ID:



#### How to use the Paper Tool

- 1. You <u>can</u> have the client / caregiver fill out the paper tool earlier in the appointment while you are collecting other information; you must still, however, talk with them about their answers. You should talk about the answers in an open-ended way so that they don't simply give a 'yes' or 'no' as an answer. This is to give you a better idea of what their answers really mean.
- 2. The risks listed in the right-hand column are only suggestions for what risks may be assigned based on their answers. Those aren't the only risks available; a risk doesn't <u>have</u> to be assigned for each question. You don't have to assign <u>all</u> risks that are identified through the questionnaire; you may only assign those that are most important at the time (ie: choking foods, weight gain, etc.)
- 3. If no risks were identified in the Medical or Health screens and no risks were identified with the questionnaire, you may either assign
  - Risk 428 Dietary Risk Associated with Complementary Feeding Practices (categories IEN, IPN, IFF, C1 only) OR
  - Risk 401- Failure to Meet Dietary Guidelines for Americans (categories C2, C3, C4, PG1, PG2, EN, PN, P)

since we can assume that anyone who meets WIC's eligibility requirements of income, category, and residency can be presumed to be at risk for an inadequate diet.

## **Dietary Risks**

BREAS	BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S DIETARY RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority BF	Priority P	
401	Failure to Meet USDA / DHHS Dietary Guidelines for Americans	Poor diet; this risk is used when no other dietary or nutrition risk is found. Can be used for two consecutive certifications only.	4	6	
427	Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Women	Routine nutrition practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems. Can be used if none of the more specific 427.X risks are appropriate.	4	6	
427.1	Consuming dietary supplements with potentially harmful consequences	Supplements that may be toxic or harmful to the mother or infant include single or multivitamins/prenatal vitamins, mineral supplements, and herbal or botanical supplements/ remedies/teas.	4	6	
427.2	Consuming a diet very low in calories and/or essential nutrients	Meal pattern, caloric intake or absorption of essential nutrients may be altered. Vegan, low carbohydrate/high protein, macrobiotic or any other diet restricting calories and/or essential nutrients are included.	4	6	

BREAST	FEEDING & POSTF	PARTUM WOMAN"S DIETAF	RY RISK TAB	LE, Cont.
427.3	Compulsively ingesting non-food items (Pica)	Craving for or eating nonfood substances such as: burnt matches, clay, starch (laundry/cornstarch), soil, cigarettes or cigarettes butts, chalk, ashes, carpet fibers, dust, paint chips, large quantities of ice or freezer frost, or baking soda.	4	6
427.4	Inadequate vitamin- mineral supplementa- tion recognized as essential by national public health policy	Iron and folic acid intake may not be taken or in adequate amounts.	4	6

PREGNANT WOMAN'S DIETARY RISK TABLE			
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority
401	Failure to Meet USDA / DHHS Dietary Guidelines for Americans	Poor diet; this risk is used when no other dietary or nutrition risk is found. Can be used for two consecutive certifications only.	4
427	Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Women	Routine nutrition practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems. Can be used if none of the more specific 427.X risks are appropriate.	4
427.1	Consuming dietary supplements with potentially harmful consequences	Supplements that may be toxic or harmful to the mother or infant include single or multivitamins/prenatal vitamins, mineral supplements, and herbal or botanical supplements/ remedies/teas.	4

	PREGNANT WOMAN'S DIETARY RISK TABLE, Cont.				
427.2	Consuming a diet very low in calories and/or essential nutrients	Meal pattern, caloric intake or absorption of essential nutrients may be altered. Vegan, low carbohydrate/high protein, macrobiotic or any other diet restricting calories and/or essential nutrients are included.	4		
427.3	Compulsively ingesting non-food items (Pica)	Craving for or eating nonfood substances such as: burnt matches, clay, starch (laundry/cornstarch), soil, cigarettes or cigarettes butts, chalk, ashes, carpet fibers, dust, paint chips, large quantities of ice or freezer frost, or baking soda.	4		
427.4	Inadequate vitamin-mineral supplementa- tion recognized as essential by national public health policy	Iron and folic acid intake may not be taken or in adequate amounts.	4		
427.5	Pregnant woman ingesting foods that could be contaminated with pathogenic microorganisms	Food may be toxic or harmful to mother or fetus, food handling practices may be unsafe and/or water and refrigeration may be unsafe.	4		

	CHILD'S (over a	ge two) DIETARY RISK TABLE	
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority
401	Failure to Meet USDA / DHHS Dietary Guidelines for Americans	Poor diet; this risk is used when no other dietary or nutrition risk is found. Can be used for two consecutive certifications only.	5
425	Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Children	Routine use of feeding practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems. Can be used if none of the more specific 425.X risks are appropriate.	5
425.1	Routinely feeding inappropriate beverages as the primary milk source	Examples include imitation or substitute milks (inadequately or unfortified beverages or non- dairy creamer) or other ho me concoctions.	5
425.2	Routinely feeding a child any sugar-containing fluids	Examples include soda/soft drinks, gelatin water, corn syrup solutions, and sweetened tea.	5
425.3	Routinely using nursing bottles, cups, or pacifiers improperly.	Use of nursing bottles, cups, and pacifiers is inappropriate; developmental stages may be ignored.	5
425.4	Routinely using feeding practices that disregard the developmental needs or stage of the child	Response to hunger and fullness cues, use of choking foods, self-feeding skills, and food textures are inappropriate; developmental stages may be ignored.	5
425.5	Feeding foods to a child that could be contaminated with harmful microorganisms	Food may be toxic or harmful, food handling practices may be unsafe and/or water and refrigeration may be unsafe.	5

	CHILD'S (over age tv	vo) DIETARY RISK TABLE, Cont.	
425.6	Routinely feeding a diet very low in calories and/or essential nutrients	Meal pattern, caloric intake or absorption of essential nutrients may be altered. Vegan, macrobiotic or any other diet restricting calories and/or essential nutrients are included.	5
425.7	Feeding dietary supplements with potentially harmful consequences	Supplements given in excess of recommended dosages; include single or multivitamins, mineral supplements, and herbal or botanical supplements/ remedies/teas.	5
425.8	Routinely not providing dietary supplements recognized as essential by national public health policy when a child's diet alone cannot meet nutrient requirements.	Fluoride in drinking water is inadequate for the child's age. Not taking a multivitamin would not be considered a risk.	5
425.9	Routine ingestion of non-food items (Pica)	Craving for or eating nonfood substances such as: clay, starch (laundry/cornstarch), soil, cigarettes or cigarettes butts, ashes, carpet fibers, dust, foam rubber, paint chips.	5

	ADDITIONAL DIETARY RISK FOR C1s				
428	Dietary Risk Associated with Complementary Feeding Practices	Risk associated with complementary foods (any foods or beverages other than breast milk or infant formula); this risk is used when no other dietary or nutrition risk is found.	5		

	INFANT'S DIETARY RISK TABLE			
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority	
411	Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Infants	Routine use of feeding practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems.	4	
411.1	Routinely using a substitute for breast milk or for FDA-approved iron-fortified formula as the primary nutrient source during the first year of life	Examples include low iron formula without iron supplementation, cow's milk, goat's milk, or sheep's milk, canned evaporated or sweetened condensed milk, imitation or substitution milk (rice or soy-based, non-dairy creamer), or other homemade concoctions.	4	
411.2	Routinely using nursing bottles or cups improperly	Examples include juice in a bottle, sugar-containing fluids, allowing bottle at sleep/nap times, using bottle without restriction or as a pacifier, propping the bottle when feeding, allowing drink to be carried/drank throughout day, adding any food to bottle.	4	
411.3	Routinely offering complementary foods or other substances that are inappropriate in type or timing	<ul> <li>Adding sweeteners such as sugar, honey, or syrups to any beverage (including water) or prepared food, or used on a pacifier</li> <li>Any food other than breast milk or ironfortified infant formula before 4 months of age</li> </ul>	4	

	INFANT'S DIETARY RISK TABLE, Cont.			
411.4	Routinely using feeding practices that disregard the developmental needs or stage of the infant	Response to hunger and fullness cues, use of choking foods, need to develop self-feeding skills, and food textures are inappropriate; developmental stages may be ignored.	4	
411.5	Feeding foods to an infant that could be contaminated with harmful microorganisms or toxins	Examples include unpasteurized juices and dairy products, honey, raw or undercooked foods (meat, eggs, sprouts, tofu) and deli meats/hot dogs/processed meats unless served steaming hot.	4	
411.6	Routinely feeding inappropriately diluted formula	Failure to follow dilution or prescription instructions.	4	
411.7	Routinely limiting the frequency of nursing of the exclusively breastfed infant when breast milk is the sole source of nutrients	Inappropriate nursing frequency in a 24-hour period.	4	
411.8	Routinely feeding a diet very low in calories and/or essential nutrients	Meal pattern, caloric intake or absorption of essential nutrients may be altered. Vegan, macrobiotic or any other diet restricting calories and/or essential nutrients are included.	4	
411.9	Routinely using inappropriate sanitation in preparation, handling, and storage of expressed breast milk or formula	Inappropriate sanitation, limited or no access to safe water, heat source for sterilization and/or refrigeration or freezer for storage.	4	

	INFANT'S DIETARY F	RISK TABLE, Cont.	
411.10	Feeding dietary supplements with potentially harmful consequences	Supplements given in excess of recommended dosages; include single or multivitamins, mineral supplements, and herbal or botanical supplements/remedies/teas.	4
411.11	Routinely not providing dietary supplements recognized as essential by national public health policy when an infant's diet alone cannot meet nutrient requirements	Fluoride in drinking water is inadequate, infants ingesting inadequate vitamin D-fortified formula and not taking a supplement. Not taking a multivitamin would not be considered a risk.	4
428	Dietary Risk Associated with Complementary Feeding Practices (Infants and C1s only)	Risk associated with complementary foods (any foods or beverages other than breast milk or infant formula); this risk is used when no other dietary or nutrition risk is found. (Infants and C1s only)	4

	ADDITIONAL DIETARY RISK FOR C1s				
428	Dietary Risk Associated with Complementary Feeding Practices (Infants and C1s only)	Risk associated with complementary foods (any foods or beverages other than breast milk or infant formula); this risk is used when no other dietary or nutrition risk is found. (Infants and C1s only)	5		

#### **Medical Risk**

The WIC Program uses information from doctors, nurses, dentists, nutritionists, etc. to determine health risks. We may also use information directly from the participant or the participant's parent or guardian about her/his medical history.

	BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority BF	Priority PP	
303	History of Gestational Diabetes	Most recent pregnancy (EN/PN)	1	6	
311	History of Premature Delivery	≤37 weeks gestation (most recent pregnancy)	1	6	
312	History of Low Birth Weight	≤5 lbs. 8 oz. (≤2500g) birth weight (most recent pregnancy)	1	6	
321	History of Fetal or Neonatal Loss	A history of a spontaneous abortion <20 wks gestation, fetal death (death at ≥ 20 weeks gestation) or neonatal death (death in 0-28 days of life) (most recent pregnancy)	1	6	
331	Pregnancy at a Young Age	Conception date or date of LMP ≤17 years of age (most recent pregnancy)	1	3	
332	Closely Spaced Preg- nancies	Conception before 16 months postpartum, including live birth, spontaneous abortion or fetal death (most recent pregnancy)	1	3	
333	High Parity and Young Age	<20 years of age at date of conception with 3 or more previous pregnancies of at least 20 weeks duration (most recent pregnancy)	1	3	
335	Diagnosed Twins or Multiple Gestation	Most recent pregnancy	1	6	
337	History of Large for Gestational Age	≥9 lbs. or ≥90 <sup>th</sup> percentile for gestational age (most recent pregnancy)	1	6	

	BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE				
339	History of Birth with a Congenital Defect	Baby with birth defect linked to inappropriate nutritional intake (Neural Tube Defect, Cleft Palate) (most recent pregnancy)	1	6	
341	Nutrient Deficiency Disease	Nutritional deficiency or disease or disease caused by insufficient dietary intake	1	6	
342	Gastro- intestinal Disorders	Disease or condition interfering with intake or absorption of nutrients (see risk definition)	1	6	
343	Diabetes Mellitus	Presence of Diabetes Mellitus	1	6	
344	Thyroid Disorder	Presence of thyroid disorder	1	6	
345	Hypertensi on	Presence of hypertension (high blood pressure)	1	6	
346	Renal Disease	Presence of renal disease (not including urinary tract infections)	1	6	
347	Cancer	Presence of cancer affecting nutritional status	1	6	
348	Central Nervous System Disorders	Presence of Central Nervous System disorders (see risk definition)	1	6	
349	Genetic and congenital Disorders	Presence of genetic or congenital disorders (may include cleft lip / palate, Down's Syndrome, muscular dystrophy)	1	6	
351	Inborn Errors of Metabolis m	Presence of metabolic error (see risk definition)	1	6	
352	Infectious Disease	Presence of infectious disease affecting nutritional status (see risk definition)	1	6	
353	Food Allergies	Presence of food allergies	1	6	

	BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE				
354	Celiac Disease	Presence of Celiac Sprue, Gluten Enteropathy, Non- tropical Sprue	1	6	
355	Lactose Intolerance	Presence of lactose intolerance	1	6	
356	Hypoglycemia	Presence of hypoglycemia	1	6	
358	Eating Disorders	Presence of eating disorder	1	6	
359	Recent Surgery, Trauma, Burns	Major surgery (including C-sections) (most recent pregnancy), trauma or burns severe enough to affect nutritional status (within 2 months if self-reported). Over 2 months must have documentation of continued need for nutritional support.	1	6	
360	Other Medical Conditions	Presence of other medical conditions affecting nutritional status (such as cystic fibrosis, lupus, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, persistent asthma requiring medication)	1	6	
361	Depression	Presence of clinical depression	1	6	
362	Developmental Delays, Sensory or Motor Delays, Interfering w/ Ability to Eat	Developmental, sensory or motor delays interfering with the ability to eat	1	6	
371	Maternal Smoking	Any daily smoking of tobacco products	1	N/A	
372	Alcohol & Illegal Drug Use	Routine current use of ≥2 drinks/day, binge drinking or heavy drinking (≥5 drinks on same occasion) or illegal drug use	1	3	
381	Dental Problems	Dental problems interfering with the ability to eat	1	6	

PREGNANT WOMAN'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE			
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority
301	Hyperemesis Gravidarum	Severe nausea and vomiting causing dehydration and acidosis	1
302	Gestational Diabetes	Presence of gestational diabetes	1
303	History of Gestational Diabetes	Any history of gestational diabetes	1
311	History of Premature Delivery	≤37 weeks gestation in any pregnancy	1
312	History of Low Birth Weight	Having had a baby ≤5 lbs 8 oz. (≤ 2500g) birthweight in any pregnancy	1
321	History of Fetal or Neonatal Loss	A history of a spontaneous abortion <20 wks gestation, fetal death (death at ≥ 20 weeks gestation) or neonatal death (death in 0-28 days of life)	1
331	Pregnancy at a Young Age	Conception date or date of LMP ≤17 years of age for current pregnancy	1
332	Closely Spaced Pregnancies	Conception before 16 months postpartum including live births, spontaneous abortion or fetal death for current pregnancy	1
333	High Parity and Young Age	<20 years old at date of conception with 3 or more previous pregnancies of at least 20 weeks duration for current pregnancy	1
334	Inadequate Prenatal Care	Prenatal care beginning after the first trimester or (see risk definition)	1
335	Diagnosed Twins or Multiple Gestation	Current Pregnancy	1
336	Delayed Uterine Growth	Fetal Growth Restriction	1

	PREGNANT WOMAN'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE				
337	History of Large for Gestational Age	$\geq$ 9 lbs. or $\geq$ 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile for gestational age	1		
338	Pregnant Woman BFing	Pregnant woman currently breastfeeding another child.	1		
339	History of Birth with a Congenital Defect	Birth defect linked to inappropriate nutritional intake (Neural Tube Defect, Cleft Palate)	1		
341	Nutrient Deficiency Disease	Nutritional deficiency or disease or disease caused by insufficient dietary intake	1		
342	Gastro- Intestinal Disorders	Disease or condition interfering with intake or absorption of nutrients (see risk definition)	1		
343	Diabetes Mellitus	Presence of Diabetes Mellitus.	1		
344	Thyroid Disorder	Presence of thyroid disorder.	1		
345	Hypertension	Presence of hypertension (high blood pressure)	1		
346	Renal Disease	Presence of renal disease (not including urinary tract infection)	1		
347	Cancer	Presence of cancer affecting nutritional status	1		
348	Central Nervous System Disorders	Presence of Central Nervous System disorders (see risk definition)	1		
349	Genetic and Congenital Disorders	Presence of genetic or congenital disorders (see risk definition)	1		
351	Inborn Errors of Metabolism	Presence of metabolic error (see risk definition)	1		
352	Infectious Diseases	Presence of infectious disease affecting nutritional status (see risk definition)	1		
353	Food Allergies	Presence of food allergies	1		
354	Celiac Disease	Presence of Celiac Sprue, Gluten Enteropathy, Non- tropical Sprue	1		

	PREGNANT WOMAN'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE			
355	Lactose	Presence of lactose	1	
	Intolerance	intolerance		
356	Hypoglycemia	Presence of hypoglycemia	1	
358	Eating Disorders	Presence of eating disorder	1	
359	Recent Surgery, Trauma, Burns	Major surgery (including C-sections), trauma, or burns severe enough to affect nutritional status (within 2 months if self-reported). Over 2 months must have documentation of continued need for nutritional support.	1	
360	Other Medical Conditions	Presence of other medical conditions affecting nutritional status (such as cystic fibrosis, lupus, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, persistent asthma requiring medication)	1	
361	Depression	Presence of clinical depression.	1	
362	Developmental Delays, Sensory or Motor Delays, Interfering with Ability to Eat	Developmental, sensory or motor delays interfering with the ability to eat	1	
371	Maternal Smoking	Any daily smoking of tobacco products	1	
372	Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use	Any use during pregnancy	1	
381	Dental Problems	Dental problems interfering with the ability to eat (gingivitis if pregnant)	1	

	INFANT'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority		
341	Nutrient Deficiency Disease	Nutritional deficiency or disease or disease caused by insufficient dietary intake	1		
342	Gastro- Intestinal Disorders	Disease or condition interfering with intake or absorption of nutrients (see risk definition)	1		
343	Diabetes Mellitus	Presence of Diabetes Mellitus	1		
344	Thyroid Disorders	Presence of thyroid disorder	1		
345	Hypertension	Presence of hypertension (high blood pressure)	1		
346	Renal Disease	Presence of renal disease (not including urinary tract infection)	1		
347	Cancer	Presence of cancer affecting nutritional status	1		
348	Central Nervous System Disorders	Presence of Central Nervous System Disorders (see risk definition)	1		
349	Genetic & Congenital Disorders	Presence of genetic or congenital disorders (see risk definition)	1		
350	Pyloric Stenosis	Presence of Pyloric Stenosis (gastrointestinal obstruction)	1		
351	Inborn Errors of Metabolism	Presence of metabolic error (see risk definition)	1		
352	Infectious Diseases	Presence of infectious disease affecting nutritional status. (see risk definition)	1		
353	Food Allergies	Presence of food allergies	1		
354	Celiac Disease	Presence of Celiac Sprue, Gluten Enteropathy, Non- tropical Sprue	1		
355	Lactose Intolerance	Presence of lactose intolerance	1		
356	Hypoglycemia	Presence of hypoglycemia	1		

	INFANT	'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE	
359	Recent Surgery, Trauma, Burns	Major surgery, trauma or burns severe enough to affect nutritional status (within 2 months if self-reported). Over 2 months must have documentation of continued need for nutritional support.	1
360	Other Medical Conditions	Presence of other medical conditions affecting nutritional status (such as cystic fibrosis, lupus, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, persistent asthma requiring medication)	1
362	Developmental Delays, Sensory or Motor Delays Interfering with the Ability to Eat	Developmental, sensory or motor delays interfering with the ability to eat	1
381	Dental Problems	Dental problems interfering with the ability to eat	1
382	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	Presence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	1

	CHILD'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority		
341	Nutrient Deficiency Disease	Nutritional deficiency or disease or disease caused by insufficient dietary intake	3		
342	Gastro- Intestinal disorders	Disease or condition interfering with intake or absorption of nutrients (see risk definition)	3		
343	Diabetes Mellitus	Presence of Diabetes Mellitus	3		
344	Thyroid Disorders	Presence of thyroid disorder	3		
345	Hypertension	Presence of hypertension (high blood pressure)	3		
346	Renal Disease	Presence of renal disease (not including urinary tract infection)	3		
347	Cancer	Presence of cancer affecting nutritional status	3		
348	Central Nervous System Disorders	Presence of Central Nervous System disorders (see risk definition)	3		
349	Genetic & Congenital Disorders	Presence of genetic or congenital disorders (see risk definition)	3		
351	Inborn Errors of Metabolism	Presence of metabolic error (see risk definition)	3		
352	Infectious Diseases	Presence of infectious disease affecting nutritional status (see risk definition)	3		
353	Food Allergies	Presence of food allergies	3		
354	Celiac Disease	Presence of Celiac Spry, Gluten Enteropathy, Non- tropical Sprue	3		
355	Lactose Intolerance	Presence of lactose intolerance	3		
356	Hypoglycemia	Presence of hypoglycemia	3		

	CHILD'S	CHILD'S MEDICAL RISK TABLE			
359	Recent Surgery, Trauma, Burns	Major Surgery, trauma or burns severs enough to affect nutritional status (within 2 months if self-reported). Over 2 months must have documentation of continued need for nutritional support.	3		
360	Other Medical Conditions	Presence of other medical conditions affecting nutritional status (such as cystic fibrosis, lupus, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, persistent asthma requiring medication)	3		
361	Depression	Presence of clinical depression	3		
362	Developmental Delays, Sensory or Motor Delays Interfering with the Ability to Eat	Developmental, sensory or motor delays interfering with the ability to eat	3		
381	Dental Problems	Dental problems interfering with the ability to eat	3		
382	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	Presence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	3		

### Regression

The WIC Program serves those participants who appear healthy now but may have had some health-related issues recently. We hope that by giving the participant another six months of WIC benefits, we can keep her/him from returning to those former issues. Examples of conditions that could return if the participant does not stay on WIC include underweight and anemia. The Regression risk cannot be assigned to an infant.

BREASTFI	BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S REGRESSION RISK TABLE					
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority BF	Priority PP		
501	Possibility of Regression	Possible regression without WIC foods (not for initial certification) Limited use of two nonconsecutive times in a 5-year period.	4	7		

	CHILD'S REGRESSION RISK TABLE					
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority			
501	Possibility of Regression	Possible regression without WIC foods (not for initial certification). Limited use of two nonconsecutive times in a 5-year period.	5			

#### Other Risks

BREA	BREASTFEEDING & POSTPARTUM WOMAN'S OTHER RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority BF	Priority PP	
502	Transfer of Certification	Out of State Transfer	0	0	
601	Breastfeeding mother of infant at nutritional risk	Woman breastfeeding an infant who is at nutritional risk	1, 2, 4	N/A	
602	Breastfeeding Complications	A breastfeeding with complications such as engorgement, plugged ducts, mastitis, cracked/flat or inverted nipples.	1	N/A	
801	Homelessness	Homelessness	4	6	
802	Migrancy	Migrancy	4	6	

901	Recipient of Abuse	Abuse in last 6 months	4	6
902	Woman or Infant/Child of Primary Caregiver with Limited Ability	Examples include ≤17 years old, mentally disabled/delayed, physically disabled, history or currently using alcohol or drugs	4	6
903	Foster Care	Entering foster care or changing foster homes in the previous 6 months	7	7

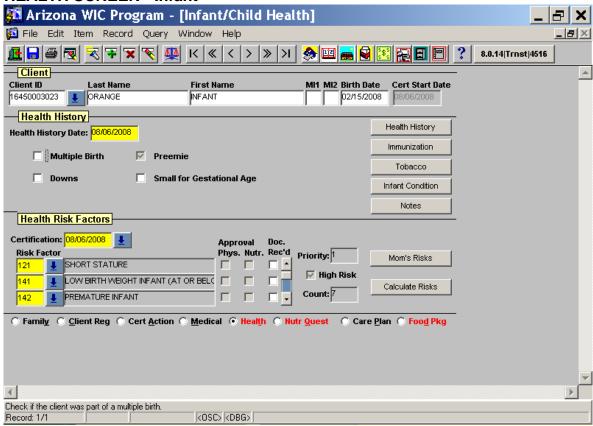
	PREGNANT WOMAN'S OTHER RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority		
502	Transfer of Certification	Out of State Transfer	0		
503	Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Woman	A pregnant woman who meets WIC income eligibility standards but who has not been evaluated for nutrition risk	4		
801	Homelessness	Homelessness	4		
802	Migrancy	Migrancy	4		
901	Recipient of Abuse	Abuse in last 6 months	4		
902	Woman or Infant/Child of Primary Caregiver with Limited Ability	Examples include ≤17 years old, mentally disabled/ delayed, physically disabled, history or currently using alcohol or drugs	4		
903	Foster Care	Entering foster care or changing foster homes in the previous 6 months	4		

	CHILD'S OTHER RISK TABLE					
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority			
502	Transfer of Certification	Out of State Transfer	0			
801	Homelessness	Homelessness	5			
802	Migrancy	Migrancy	5			
901	Recipient of Abuse	Abuse in last 6 months	5			
902	Woman or Infant/Child of	Examples include ≤17 years old, mentally disabled/	5			

	Primary Caregiver with Limited Ability	delayed, physically disabled, history or currently using alcohol or drugs	
903	Foster Care	Entering foster care or changing foster homes in the previous 6 months	5

INFANT'S OTHER RISK TABLE				
Risk Code	Risk Name	Description	Priority	
502	Transfer of Certification	Out of State Transfer	0	
603	Breastfeeding Complications	Infant with problems such as jaundice, weak/ineffective suck, difficulty latching, inadequate stooling	1	
701	Infant up to 6 Months Born to WIC Mother or WIC- Eligible Mother	Infant born to woman whose mother was a WIC participant or who was at nutritional risk during pregnancy	2	
702	Infant Being Breastfed by Woman at Nutritional Risk	Breastfeeding infant of a woman at nutritional risk	1/2/4	
703	Infant born of Woman with Mental Retardation, Alcohol, Drug Abuse	Infant born of a woman diagnosed with mental retardation or self-reported use of alcohol or drugs	1	
801	Homelessness	Homelessness	4	
802	Migrancy	Migrancy	4	
901	Recipient of Abuse	Abuse in last 6 months	4	
902	Woman or Infant/Child of Primary Caregiver with Limited Ability	Examples include ≤17 years old, mentally disabled/ delayed, physically disabled, history or currently using alcohol or drugs	4	
903	Foster Care	Entering foster care or changing foster homes in the previous 6 months	4	

#### **HEALTH SCREEN - Infant**



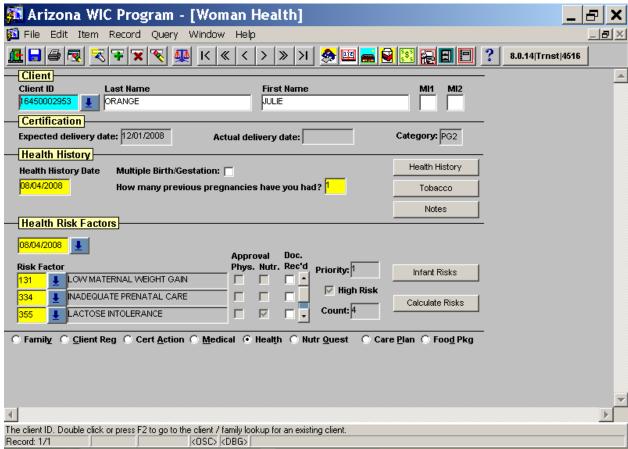
The Health screen is the most time-consuming screen to complete in AIM because it contains many questions about topics that impact the health of the participant and also collects data for reporting purposes. Nutritional risks are also calculated on this screen. RISKS SHOULD ONLY BE CALCULATED AT THE TIME OF CERTIFICATION. Even if new information is discovered during a certification that would add / delete a risk, do not recalculate risks. Simply make a note in the Notes box to reflect the new information. (EXCEPTION: if an EDD changes after the date of certification so that the infant is no longer premature, and if they are certified with one of risk 121/134/141/142 as their only risk, they must be terminated and a new certification begun to look for a new risk)

FIELD NAME	FIELD INFORMATION
CLIENT ID	Defaults to the participant's ID.
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI1, MI2	Defaults to the participant's name.
BIRTH DATE	Defaults to the participant's birth date.
CERT START DATE	Defaults to this certification's start date.
HEALTH HISTORY DATE	Defaults to the most current Health
	History record date. To view historical
	information, click into this field and use
	the VCR scroll arrows (< or >) at the
	top of the screen.
MULTIPLE BIRTH CHECKBOX	Check this box if applicable. A risk will
	be assigned if checked.

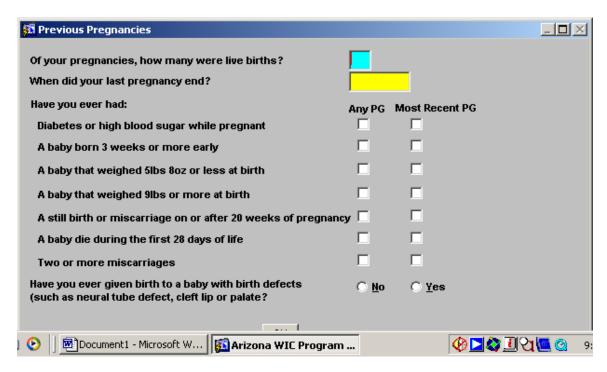
DOWNS CHECKBOX	This refers to Downs Syndrome. Check
DOWNS CHECKBOX	<u> </u>
	this box if applicable. A risk will be
DDEEMIE CHECKDOV	assigned if checked.
PREEMIE CHECKBOX	This box is auto-checked if the infant
	was born three or more weeks (21 or
	more days) early. The premature risk
	(142) will be assigned.
SMALL FOR GESTATIONAL AGE	Check this box if applicable. A risk will
CHECKBOX	be assigned if checked.
HEALTH HISTORY BUTTON	Click on this button and answer the
	Health History questions.
IMMUNIZATION BUTTON	This button will only be activated for
	infants and children up to age two.
TOBACCO BUTTON	This button, once answered for one
	family member, will not need to be
	answered for any other family
	members who are enrolling on WIC.
	The information will carry over to all
	•
INITANT CONDITION	other family members' records.
INFANT CONDITION	Infant condition is mandatory at
	certification if the client is under 2 years
	of age. If you do not know the infant's
	weight and / or length, you may enter
	999 to serve as a placeholder. The
	Infant Condition information may be
	updated at any time. If the child was
	premature (risk 142), the Infant
	Condition button will auto-fill with code
	3- Preterm Infant. The State office
	recommends that you indicate in the
	warning notes / checkbox if infant
	condition is not complete. That way,
	the information will get updated at the
	next visit.
CERTIFICATION	This box will default to the certification
	start date. If you want to view historic
	information, you can use the LOV to
	select the certification date you are
	interested in.
RISK FACTOR	This is the system-generated risk
NION FACTOR	
	number and risk description area.

APPROVAL PHYS	This defaults with a checkmark if physician documentation is required to assign this risk.
APPROVAL NUTR	This defaults with a checkmark if nutritionist approval is required to assign this risk.
DOC. REC'D	Check this box only if the risk requires documentation or approval and only when it is received.
MOM'S / INFANT'S RISKS	This button allows you to view the risks of the participating mother or participating infant.
PRIORITY	This is generated by the system based on the category and risks of the participant.
HIGH RISK	This flag will be automatically checked by the system, when appropriate, and is based on the category and risks of the participant.
COUNT	This is the system-generated total number of risks assigned to the participant.

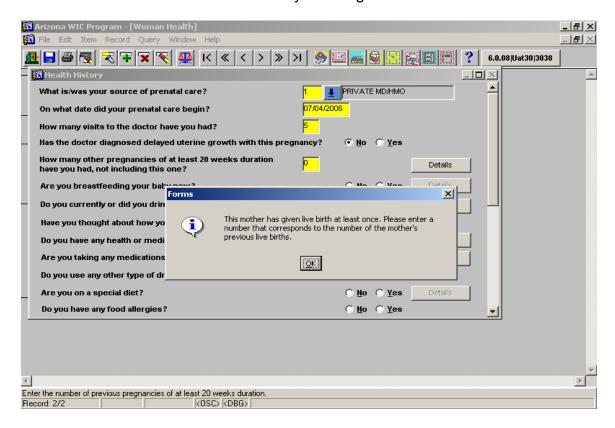
#### **HEALTH SCREEN - Woman**



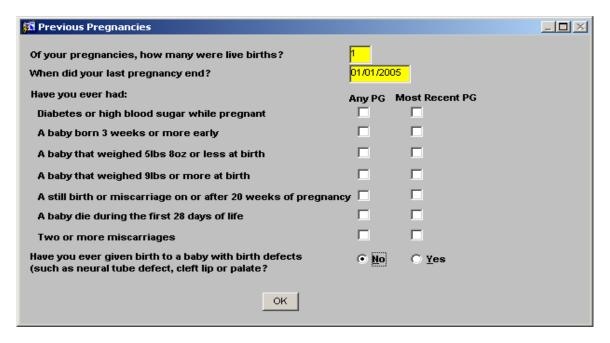
When entering data in the **Woman Health** screen, you must answer the question "How many previous pregnancies have you had?" For a first-time mom, answer this with a one; for women with more than one child, answer with the number of children. You will get the pop-up shown on the next page.



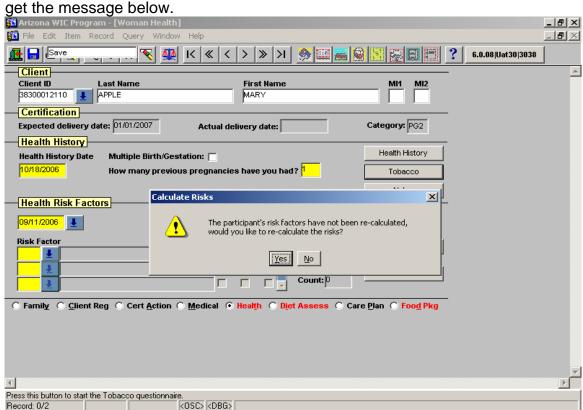
For the question "Of your pregnancies, how many were live births?" in the case of a stillborn, answer this with a zero. Please ask your participant all of these pregnancy-related questions. The answers given in this pop-up will be used to calculate risks for this participant.



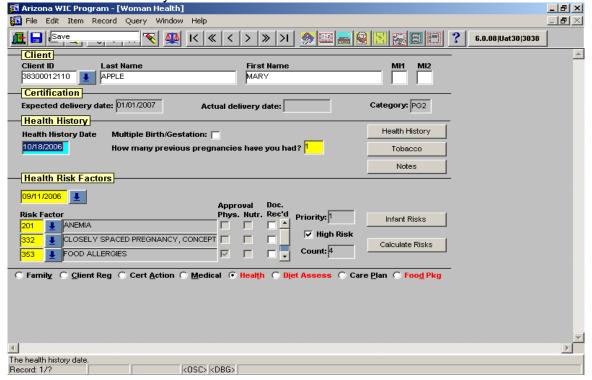
When you begin to answer the questions in the health screen and attempt to pass over the question, "How many other pregnancies - - - - " you will get the reminder message shown above. When you enter data into this field, you will again get the Previous Pregnancies pop-up. You will notice it has the data you previously entered. Acknowledge this message by clicking the OK button and the pop-up will close; you can continue to enter your participant's health data.



When you are finished entering data and are ready to save this information, you will

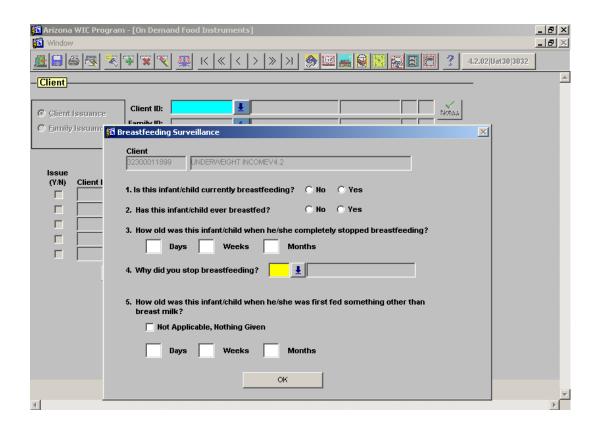


You will notice risks have not been calculated. Please click Yes and let the system calculate the risks for you. You should not add risks.



#### Additional Breastfeeding Questions (in the On Demand screen)

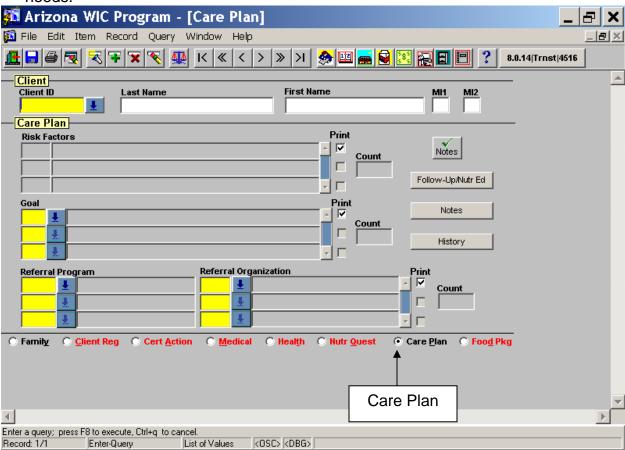
The Federal government requires WIC to collect breastfeeding initiation and duration rates on infants / children up to the age of two. One of the main goals of the WIC Program is to increase the duration of breastfeeding. AIM includes the following pop-up screen that is mandatory to complete.



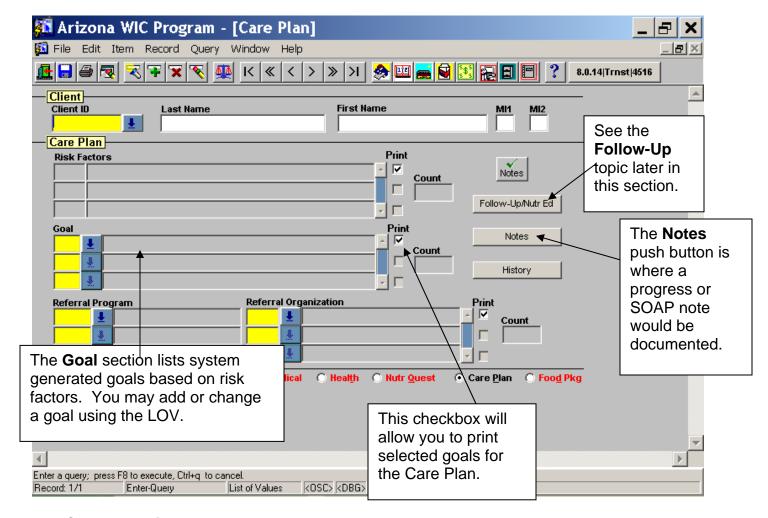
**Previously enrolled child (C1):** this **Breastfeeding Surveillance** pop-up in the **On Demand** screen will come up each time this screen is entered until breastfeeding stops (Question 3 is answered) or the child turns two years old.

#### **Section 7: Care Plan Screen**

The Care Plan window uses the established category and risk factor protocols to help you create an individualized plan appropriate for each participant's health care needs.



Click the Care Plan radio button. The Care Plan window will appear.

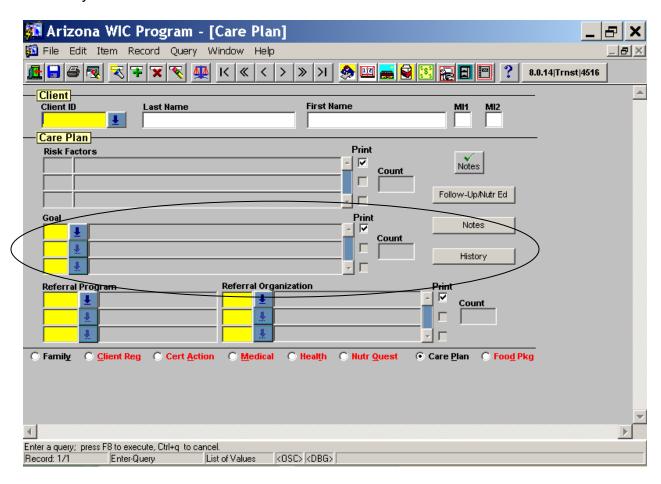


#### The Care Plan window allows you to:

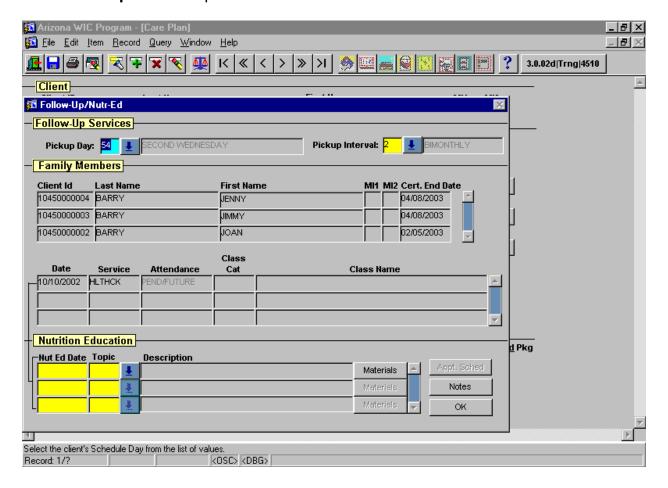
- View the participant's risk factors.
- View and modify automatically assigned goals. Work with the client to select 1-3 goals that the participant is willing to work on.
- Document referrals to other programs / organizations.
- Document progress / SOAP notes and / or important information.
- Suggest and document nutrition education topics that have been discussed.
- Schedule the next appointment quickly and easily.
- View a participant's Care Plan history.

#### Goals

The **Goal** section lists system-generated goals based on the assigned risk factors. Review the assigned goals with the participant and have them choose the goals that work the best for them. Choose one to three goals that the participant set for her / his family to work on.



### Click the Follow-Up / Nutr Ed pushbutton.



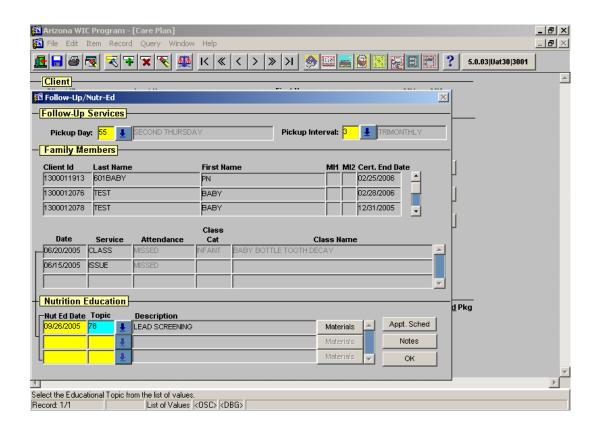
- 1. The first block of data is the **Follow-Up Services** field.
  - Pickup Day indicates the day of the week the family will pick up food instruments.
  - **Pickup Interval** is how often the family is issued Food Instruments.
  - The **Pickup Interval** defaults to the interval entered in the **Family Information** screen.
  - The Pickup Day and/or Pickup Interval can be modified to reflect the same data for every family member.
  - The **Family Members** block pertains to the members of the family and the type of nutrition education appointment the family has attended.
- 2. Their Client ID number and a certification end date identify each family member.

- 3. The middle section contains appointment information that details what nutrition education appointment the family has attended.
  - The nutrition education appointment can be either an individual or a class appointment.
  - An individual nutrition education appointment will not display information in the Class Category or Class Name fields.
  - The nutrition education appointment information is display-only.
  - There must be one scheduled appointment to enable the nutrition education window below. This can be an old appointment from a previous certification or a future appointment.
- 4. Click in the **Date** field of a nutrition education appointment to view the Nutrition Education topic associated with it below.
- 5. The last block is the **Nutrition Education** field.
  - The type of nutrition education appointment is tied to the documented nutrition education.
- 6. Select and document Nutrition Education Topics from the LOV. NOTE: Nutrition education must be given for each member of the family that is a WIC participant and documented in the appropriate participant's AIM record under the Follow-Up / Nutr Ed button. If a topic applies to more than one participant, it should be documented in each person's AIM record. For example, if a mom and her two children are all WIC participants, each person needs two nutrition education contacts per certification period. If the topic of 'picky eaters' is used for one of the children, that can be documented in that child's record as well as in the mother's record.
- 7. The **Notes** pushbutton is used to update the **Care Plan** with high-risk nutrition notes.
- 8. The Appt Scheduler pushbutton navigates you to the Appointment Scheduler to make a future appointment.
  - Using the Available Appointment Search in the Appointment Sheet will search for the next available appointment corresponding to the participant's pickup day and pickup interval and the most recent Food Instrument issuance.

**Lead Screening:** All Authorized Representatives of all children participants will be asked if their child has received a lead screening from a healthcare provider. For instruction on when to ask about lead screening, see Section 6 on Biochemical Risks.

If they <u>have received</u> a screening, you would document lead screening in the Follow-Up / Nutr Ed. button, selecting 'Lead Screening Age X' as the topic.

If they <u>have not received</u> a screening, this will be documented in the Follow-Up / Nutr Ed. button by selecting 'No Lead Screening Age X' as the topic and under the Referral section of the Care Plan screen.



#### **Breastfeeding Education**

In order to stay within the scope of practice of the Arizona WIC Program, all breastfeeding education must be consistent with "The Breastfeeding Answer Book" by the La Leche League.

# What is the difference between **Participant orientation / Program explanation vs. Nutrition Education?**

Participant orientation / Program explanation and nutrition education are both important parts of the Arizona WIC Program. Standards have been developed to ensure that a basic level of nutrition education is provided to all participants. The **minimum** standards are as follows:

#### Participant orientation / Program explanation:

- An explanation of WIC rules and regulations, participant responsibilities, WIC foods and the proper use of Food Instruments provided at each certification visit.
- 2. The relationship of the WIC foods to the participant's status and nutritional risk(s).
- 3. An explanation of the procedures, such as blood test, height, and weight, used to assess nutritional risk.

#### **Nutrition Education:**

- 1. Nutrition education means individual and group sessions and the provision of materials that are designed to improve health status and achieve positive dietary and physical activity habits, and that emphasize the relationship between nutrition, physical activity, and health, all in keeping with the personal and cultural preferences of the individual.
- 2. Nutrition education includes the introduction of the educational topics "substances to avoid during pregnancy" and "breastfeeding" for pregnant women.
- 3. It also includes the introduction of at least 2 educational topics related to the participant's risk(s) during their 6-month certification.



### Nutrition Education - (Care Plan Screen)

Remember that WIC is a NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM and requires that we provide 2 nutrition education contacts/6-month time period. Document the nutrition education that you provide in the **Follow-Up / Nutr Ed** button of the **Care Plan** screen.

Local Agencies will provide appropriate nutrition education to all participants. During each 6-month certification period, the WIC participant will receive at least two (2) nutrition education contacts, which impacts the participant / family's nutritional status. For longer certifications, nutrition education will be provided at the same rate (once every three months).

Remember that participant orientation / program explanation and referrals do not count as **nutrition education**. Participant orientation / program explanation and referrals include topics such as immunizations (for children two years and under), referrals to other programs, proxies, or how to use Food Instruments.

What is the state WIC staff looking for as nutrition education when they come for a Management Evaluation (M.E.)? -

- 1. information provided is accurate and up-to-date;
- 2. information is individualized to meet participant's needs and considers the education level, lifestyle, cultural beliefs, etc. of each participant;
- participant receives positive feedback as often as possible to reinforce good nutrition habits;
- 4. a nutrition goal is set (or tailored in AIM) for the participant;
- 5. participant / caregiver is involved in setting the goal;
- 6. appropriate materials are used for education and provided to the participant;
- 7. innovative methods are used, when possible, to provide nutrition education.

### **Nutrition Education**

- 1. T/F Nutrition education means talking with a client about immunizations.
- 2. T/F Nutrition education means talking with a client about car seat safety.
- 3. T/F If I ask a mom what type of milk her child drinks, we talk about switching to low-fat milk, and I give her a "Go-Low" handout on milk, this would count as nutrition education and I would document it in AIM.
- 4. T/F Nutrition education can be showing a mom the Guide to Good Eating Handout and asking her/her child to point to the fruits and vegetables that her overweight child will eat. We would also talk about other fruits and vegetables she may be willing to try and how to prepare them. I would document the topic and handout in AIM and that would count as nutrition education.
- 5. T/F Nutrition education can be talking to a pregnant teen, which often skips meals and snacks, about foods she could eat on the run. I would include a handout and discuss meal and snack ideas with her. I would document the topic and handout in AIM.

#### **Section 8: Food Package Screen**

In this section, you will learn more about the following topics:

- Food Package Tailoring
- Food Package Assignment & Issuance
- Special Formula Approval
- Formula Replacement
- Food Instrument Replacement and Void
- Anatomy of a Food Package
- Special Packages
- On Demand Button
- Linking Mothers & Infants

#### **Food Package Tailoring**

Food packages will be tailored for each participant based on their category, dietary needs, cultural, or individual preferences and environmental constraints. Tailoring is also recommended when more than one family member is on WIC. In this case, more cheese could be provided.

Example: If excess milk consumption is the suspected cause for anemia, this would be an opportunity to provide the participant with more cheese.

### **Food Package Assignment**

- Infants who are exclusively nursing / breastfeeding (IEN) will receive a food
  package assignment that will not actually produce any Food Instruments. This is
  so the AIM system can account for their participation. These infants can receive
  infant cereal and infant juice at 6 months of age, if desired.
- Most infants will tolerate and thrive on standard infant formulas, such as Similac Advance, Isomil Advance, and Similac Sensitive. If the infant needs a formula other than one of these due to a medical condition, it is considered a special formula and needs a healthcare provider's prescription and approval from the Local Agency nutritionist / RD. A 1 month supply can be provided in the absence of a prescription and / or nutritionist / RD approval.

\*\*If the WIC client is also an AHCCCS participant and the WIC program cannot provide the highly specialized formula / medical food, or provide all of the infant formula needed for the month, the Authorized Representative should be referred to their healthcare provider to begin the process of obtaining the formula / food through a process called Prior Authorization (PA). See your Local Agency supervisor for instructions on how to refer them.

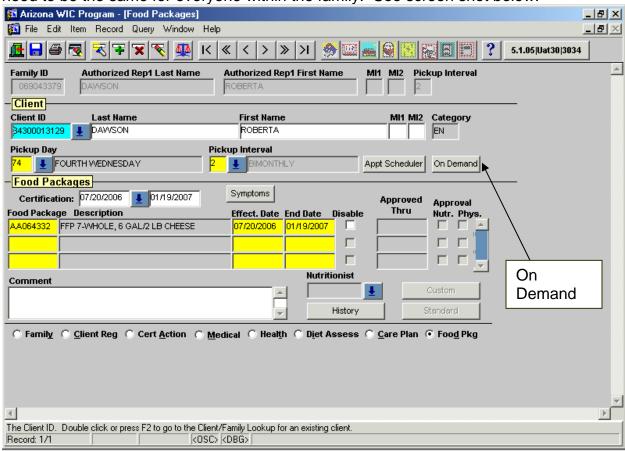
 Infants who are partially nursing (IPN) can be assigned food packages that contain various amounts of infant formula so that their mothers can be encouraged to continue breastfeeding as much as possible.

- One-year-old children (C1) will receive whole milk food packages.
- For children over the age of two (C2, C3, C4) and women, skim or 1% milk is the preferred package since it is the healthiest choice.

**Note:** For a homeless participant who may not have cold storage, choose a package with long shelf life milk, dry milk or condensed milk.

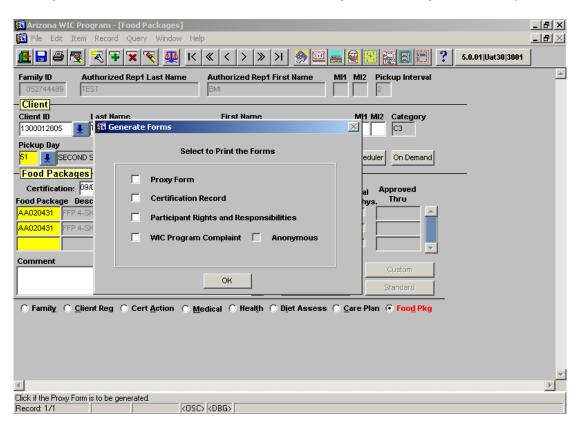
#### Issuance

Now you are almost finished with the certification process. On the Food Package screen, you will select the participant's pickup day and interval, and an appropriate food package based on their category and needs. The pickup interval does not need to be the same for everyone within the family. See screen shot below.

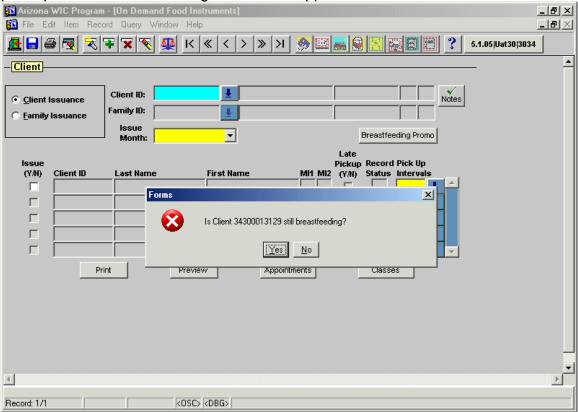


Once you have entered this information, save your work and click the On Demand button.

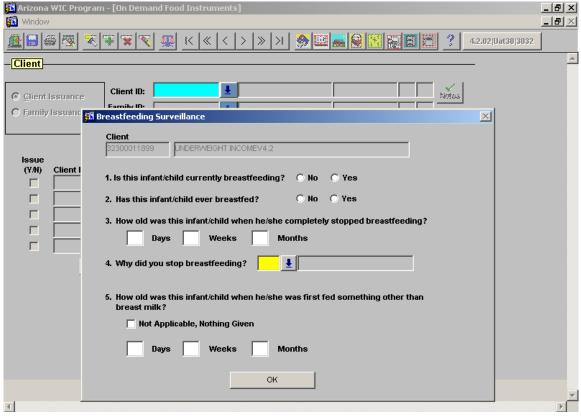
The Generate Forms pop-up (below) will appear in the Food Package screen when you save your work. Place a checkmark next to any forms that you want to print.



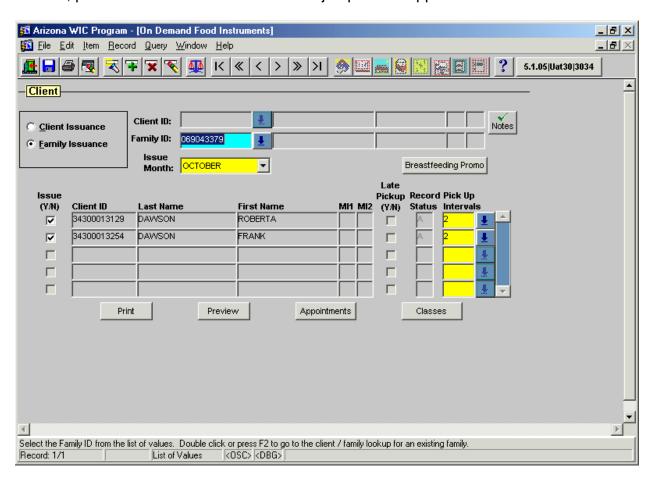
Once you are in the On Demand screen, you will get the pop-up shown below if the participant was breastfeeding at their last appointment.



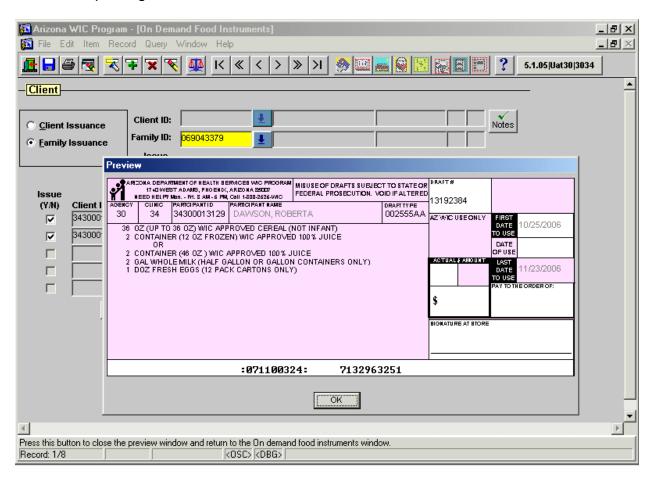
Choose the appropriate Yes or No answer. You will then get the pop-up shown below. Choose the appropriate answers to the Breastfeeding Surveillance questions.



Now you are at the On Demand screen, which has many functions. You can issue a single participant's or an entire family's Food Instruments. You can choose what month's Food Instruments you want to print. You can also change the pickup interval, preview the Food Instruments and jump to the Appointment Scheduler.

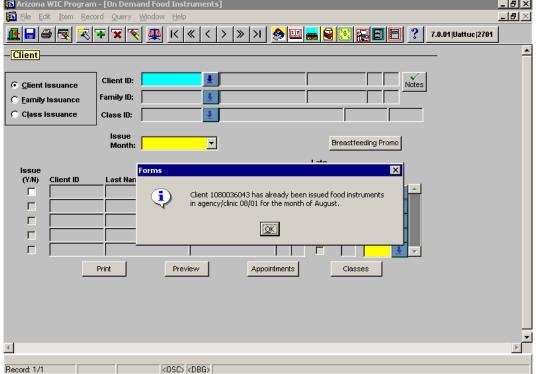


If you want to preview your Food Instruments before printing to make sure you have the correct package, click on the Preview button. See screen shot below.



If you are satisfied with the food package selected, click OK and then click on the Print button.

# In-State Transfer and Food Instrument Issuance Arizona WIC Program - [On Demand Food Instruments]



If a client has transferred from another Arizona WIC Local Agency, you will get the above pop-up to tell you that they have valid Food Instruments from the other agency. Therefore, they are not eligible to receive Food Instruments until after those Food Instrument 'use by' dates have passed.

#### **Special Formula Approval**

Certain food packages require approval of a nutritionist, physician or both. This information is indicated in the **Approval** field on the **Standard-Food Package** popup. AIM allows the user to issue at least one month of FIs without approval. Issuing FIs without approval should only be used when the nutritionist is completely unavailable.

Once a food package that requires approval is saved, click the On Demand button. A message will be displayed stating:

"The prescribed food package requires approval."

When producing Fls for this participant, the system will override the pickup interval of two or three and produce a **single month's Fls**. This is a reminder of the "conditional" approval.

#### SPECIAL FORMULA APPROVAL BY NUTRITIONISTS-

The nutritionist authorized to approve formula must log on to the AIM system using their unique User ID and Password.

Access the **Food Package** screen and query the participant into the window.

Click in the **Food Package** field. The **Approval** checkboxes will be enabled.

Check the appropriate box. If both the Physician and Nutritionist approval is required and the participant has brought a prescription for the requested formula, then both boxes need to be checked.

The User ID will be auto-filled in the "Nutritionist" field based on who logged in.

Nutritionists will enter the actual "Approved thru" date for special formula based on the prescription, not to exceed the Cert End date. They will change the food package end date to match the prescription's approved end date. An additional line in the food package screen may be needed to cover the entire certification period; however that second line will also need to be approved if that is for a special formula.

If the prescription is valid past the Cert End date, the nutritionist should leave a note in the participant's AIM record stating when the prescription expires.

#### Formula Replacement

An infant's formula may change after FIs have been issued and cashed. You may do a formula replacement for the FIs still in the participant's possession. Before we learn how to replace the FI(s), it is important that we understand some basic business rules.

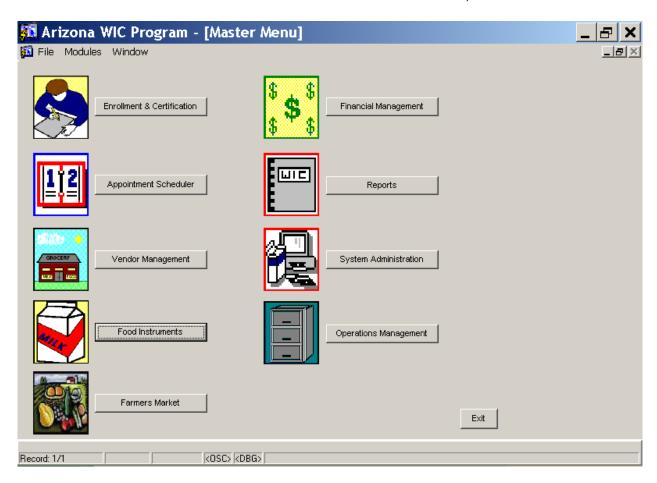
- 1. If the authorized representative has not cashed any of the FIs for the month, you may disable the food package, void the FIs and reissue the entire food package; a formula replacement is not needed.
- 2. If the authorized representative has cashed some but not all of the FIs, the following conditions must be present:
  - a. The initial food package must contain two or more "formula" Fls.
  - b. The participant must have at least one un-cashed FI in their possession.
  - c. A new food package for formula must be selected.
- 3. Fls cannot be replaced for food packages that do not contain formula.
- 4. Fls cannot be replaced if all formula Fls in the food package have been cashed.

#### Formula Replacement

There are different methods that may be used to do formula replacement, depending on what you need to do.

**Method 1: Replacing checks for the** <u>same food package</u>. (This method may be used if FIs print incorrectly)

1. Click on the "Food Instrument" button from the Master Menu, which is shown below.

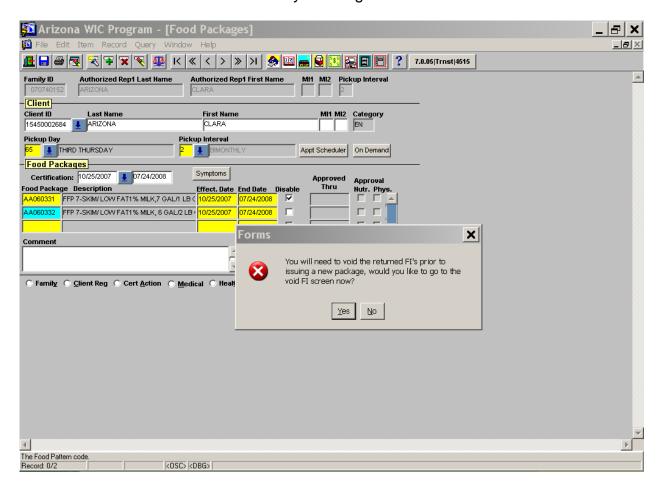


- 2. Click on FI Processing
- 3. Click on Void / Return Food Instruments
- 4. Type in the client ID number. All food checks that have been issued to the client for this Certification and not yet processed by the bank will be shown.
- 5. Find the check you wish to replace, select an appropriate void reason from the Void Reason LOV;
- 6. Click the 'Reissue' checkmark in the same row, then click the 'Reissue' button at the bottom of the screen. The replacement check(s) will print.

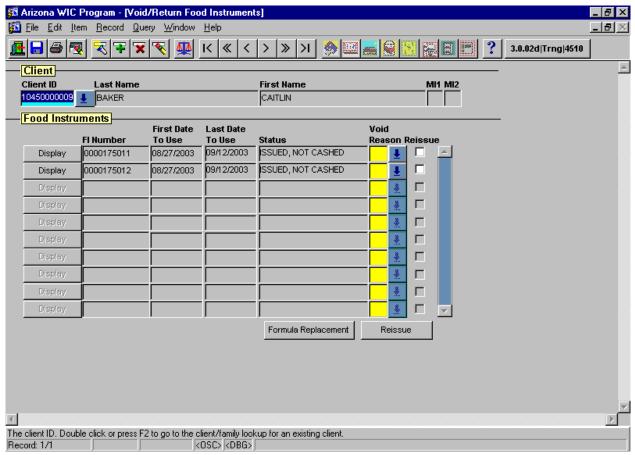
#### Method two:

**Step-by-Step Instructions for an alternate formula replacement method** (for example- if you want to change the food package and print checks for a <u>different type of formula</u>):

- 1. Log on to AIM.
- 2. Click on the Enrollment & Certification module.
- 3. Click Certification Info on the Enrollment & Certification menu.
- 4. Click Nutrition Eligibility and then select Food Package.
- 5. Enter Client ID and run query. Client information is displayed.
- 6. Tab to **Food Package** section and check the **Disable** box to disable the food package you want to replace.
- 7. Assign the new food package, making sure that the effective date and the end date of the new food package are the same as the old food package.
- 8. Save your changes.
- 9. A message is displayed:
  - You will need to void the returned Fl's prior to issuing a new package, would you like to go to the void Fl screen now? Yes No
- 10. Select Yes.

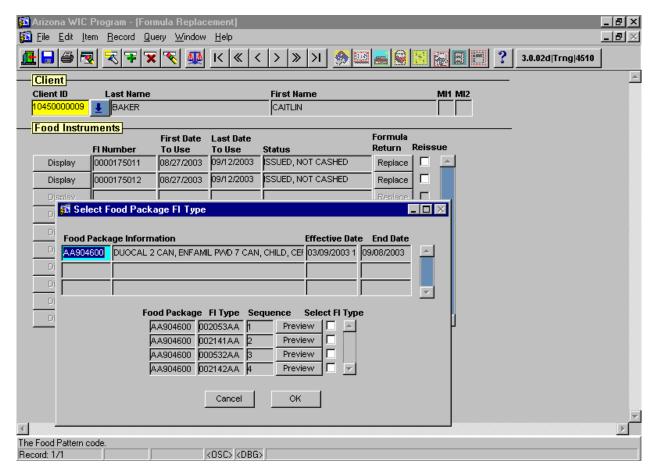


- 11. This will automatically take you to the **Void / Return Food Instruments** screen.
- 12. Use the **Display** button to view the FIs and determine which FI you want to replace (it must contain formula).
- 13. Press the **Formula Replacement** button.
- 14. The **Formula Replacement** screen is displayed with all potential FIs for replacement displayed.



Void / Return Food Instruments screen

- 15. You may again use the **Display** button to identify the FI you want to replace.
- 16. Click the **Replace** button next to the FI you wish to replace.
- 17. The **Select Food Package FI Type** pop-up is displayed.



Select Food Package FI Type Pop-Up

All food packages not disabled are displayed in the **Food Package Information** section.

18. Select the appropriate food package by clicking on the food package ID (i.e., AA904600).

The **Food Package**, **FI Type and Sequence** are displayed below the food package information.

- 19. Use the **Preview** button to determine the correct FI you want to use as the replacement (it must contain formula).
- 20. Check the **Select FI Type** box next to the correct Fls.
- 21. Click **OK.**
- 23. Check the **Reissue** box and click the **Reissue** button. The new FI will be printed. Repeat the process if there is more than one FI to replace.
- 24. Click **OK**. The new FI is now displayed in the **Food Instruments** section of the **Void/Return Food Instruments** screen.

The replaced Food Instrument has been automatically voided with the void reason of "replaced/food package."

25. Exit the screen.

#### **Food Instrument Replacement and Voids**

Other states may replace lost or stolen Food Instruments, but the Arizona WIC Program does not replace them, so remind your participants to treat their Food Instrument as they would cash. But it may happen occasionally that you need to replace Food Instruments, whether the printer doesn't produce them or prints them incorrectly or the participant changes their mind while still in your office or you select the wrong package.

## **Step-by-Step Instructions for voiding and replacing Food Instruments:**

- 1. Log on to AIM.
- 2. Click on the **Food Instruments** module.
- 3. Click Void / Return Food Instruments on the FI Processing menu.
- 4. Enter the client's ID number and query; this will bring up a list of the Food Instruments that have been issued to the client. If you don't have the client's ID number, double click in the Client ID field to take you to the **Client / Family Search** screen to look up the client. Once you have searched for them, double click in their Client ID to take you back **the Void / Return Food Instruments** screen. Their Food Instrument numbers should be displayed.
- 5. Choose either Void Reason D (Replaced / Food Package Change) or G (Misprinted Text).
- 6. Check the Reissue checkbox next to the Void Reason and click the Reissue button at the bottom of the screen.
- 7. The new Food Instruments will now print.
- 8. \*\*If you don't want the same food package to be reissued, don't check (or uncheck if necessary) the Reissue checkbox next to the Void Reason, save the screen (clicking Yes to the pop-up telling you that you won't be able to reissue those checks because you don't have them marked for reissue), return to the Food Package screen and click the Disable checkbox next to the food package that you just voided. Select a new food package and issue the Food Instruments as usual.

#### **Anatomy of a Food Package**

#### **FOOD PACKAGES**

Searching for a package in the **Lookup Screen** of the **Standard-Food Package** button.

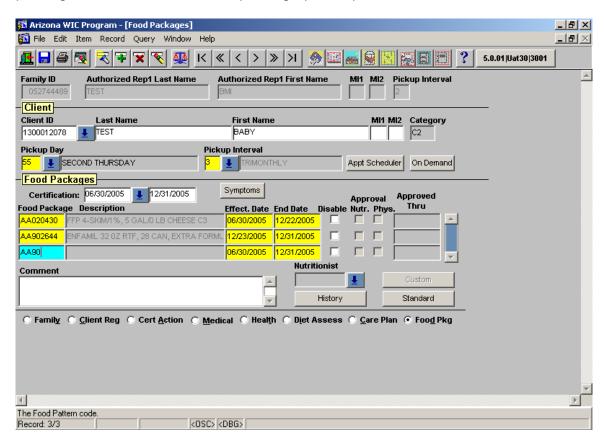
There are many food packages in the AIM system. Using the **Standard Food Package** button, infant food packages will be displayed in alphabetical order. You will need to scroll down to see the appropriate food package.

You can search for the correct food package for your participant by using the **Food Package Search** screen. It is best to search by the food package description. Remember to use the percent sign (%), or wild card, to assist in your search.

For example, to find an Enfamil powdered formula package, you can enter the following information into the search field: %ENFAMIL% %PWD%. You will get all the powdered Enfamil packages available for my participant's category.

As you use AIM more, you will begin to understand how packages are named. Here is an overview, but do not worry about memorizing it.

**Ability to type in food package number**-You have the option to type in the food package ID number in the food package prescription screen.



#### **FORMULA PACKAGES**

Formula Package Descriptions are named as follows:

- 1. The Name of the Formula (No Manufacturer name).
- 2. The Form: RTF=Ready to Feed, PWD=Powdered, CONC=Concentrate
- 3. The number of cans of formula in the package.
- 4. The Participant Category it can be assigned to.
- And/Or The description of the type of juice and cereal included:
   INF JC / CRL = Infant juice and Infant cereal, ADLT JC / CRL = Adult juice and adult cereal, and sometimes NO JC / CRL = No Juice or cereal.

Here is an example of a formula package:

Package Code Package Description

AA952522 ENFAMIL LIPIL W/ IRON, PWD, 2 CANS, INF. 0-5 MOS.

**NOTE:** Powdered formula is the standard and preferred form for most healthy infants. However, rebated concentrate formulas may be given with written prescription OR with RD / nutritionist approval to meet client needs if there is no prescription.

Ready-to-feed formula is to be given to premature or low birth weight (LBW) infants up to 6 months corrected age and / or immune compromised infants. Powdered formulas can <u>only</u> be given, if and only if, the healthcare provider provides a written prescription specifically for the powdered form. This prescription needs to be filed at the Local Agency and documented in AIM.

#### **MILK PACKAGES**

As stated previously, a participant's category helps to determine the appropriate foods to give to a participant.

Our milk package descriptions are as follows:

1. The Federal Food Package Code:

FFP 4 = Child package

FFP 5 = Postpartum (not breastfeeding) package

FFP 6 = Pregnant package

FFP 7 = Breastfeeding package

2. Milk type:

SKIM / 1% = Participant can get skim or 1% milk 2% = Participant can get 2% milk only WHOLE = Participant can get whole milk only

3. Milk amount: This is generally in gallon amounts

- 4. Cheese amount: This is in pounds; clients can receive up to 2 pounds, depending on category and situation.
- 5. The specific categories that can receive the package: C1, C2, C3, C4, P / P (postpartum) and half P / P (half postpartum)

## **Food Package Guidelines**

All children shall be prescribed a food package that meets the participants' nutritional needs. Children not requiring a special needs food package shall be offered the standard food package.

Food Package tailoring (possibly less than full package amounts) is the preferred standard when issuing food packages to participants.

Full food packages will be made available for all categories, if requested. Keep in mind that this package should only be issued upon request and should not be encouraged or offered. If the parent or caregiver of the participant requests a full food package, the CNW will explain that the purpose of the tailored package is for health reasons and is according to Arizona WIC's Best Practice guidelines. If the parent insists on this choice, then issue the full food package and use this time to provide appropriate nutrition education. The CNW will then record the reason for the full food package issuance in the Comments section of the AIM Food Package screen.

#### SPECIAL PACKAGES

The postpartum half package:

The postpartum half package is provided to a postpartum mother who has completely stopped breastfeeding and her baby is over six months old. Issue the package and then change the category to postpartum to terminate her certification.

# IEN packages:

To ensure that exclusively breastfeeding participants are counted in AIM's participation reports, be sure to assign the following packages to them:

#### IEN 0-6 months:

Assign package AA900888 - INFANTS 0-5 MONTHS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FI'S

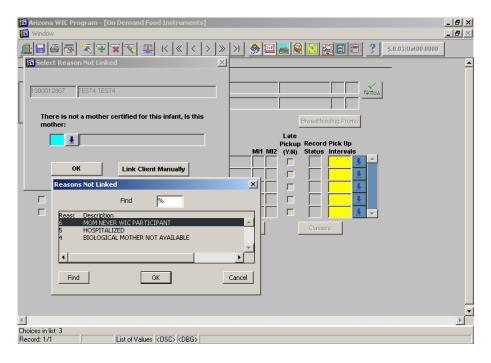
#### IEN 6-11 months:

Assign package AA900701 – JUICE AND CEREAL, INFANTS 6-12 MONTHS Note: These packages will not produce any Fls.

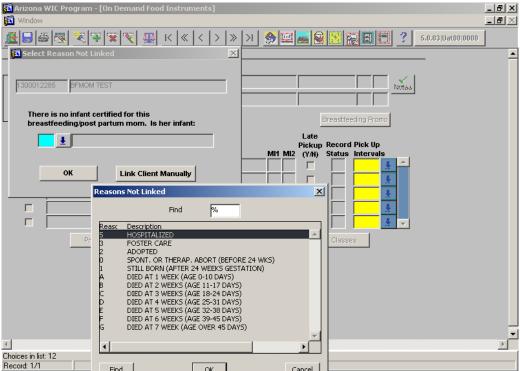
CODE BEGINS WITH:	PACKAGE TYPE
AA0	Milk Package
AA2	Lactose Reduced Milk Package
AA3 and AA4	Evaporated Milk and/or Non-Fat
	Dry Milk Package
AA7	Long Shelf Life Package (LSL
	Milk and individual, ready-to-
	serve juice instead of regular milk
	and frozen or large containers of
	juice)
AA8	No Milk Packages (contain
	everything except the milk)
	Vegan Packages (contain
	everything except the milk,
	cheese, and eggs).
AA9	Formula Packages

#### LINKING MOTHERS AND INFANTS-

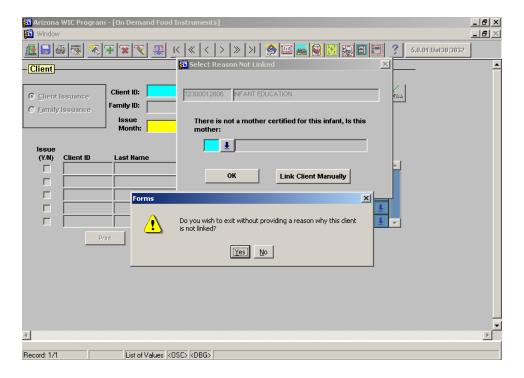
AIM requires that the records of mothers and infants are linked. If a WIC infant is not linked to a mother, this pop-up will open in the On Demand screen. A reason should be selected if there is no mom on WIC connected to the infant. (see below)



If a WIC mother does not have a linked infant, this pop-up will open in the On Demand screen. Notice that the LOV offers different reasons for the WIC infant without a mother linked or a WIC mother without an infant linked.



The user can also select "Link Client Manually" and return to the Client Reg screen and enter the mother's ID into the infant's record.

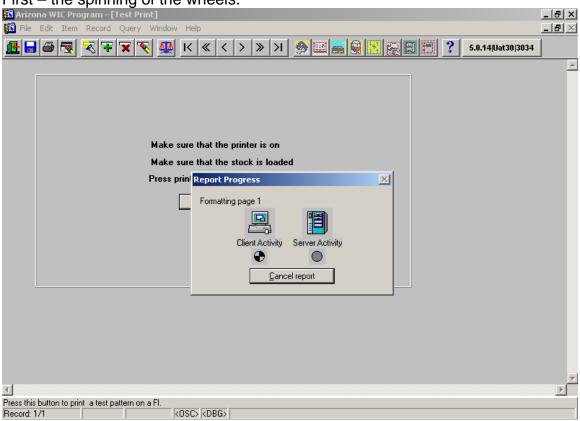


# **Printing your Food Instruments**

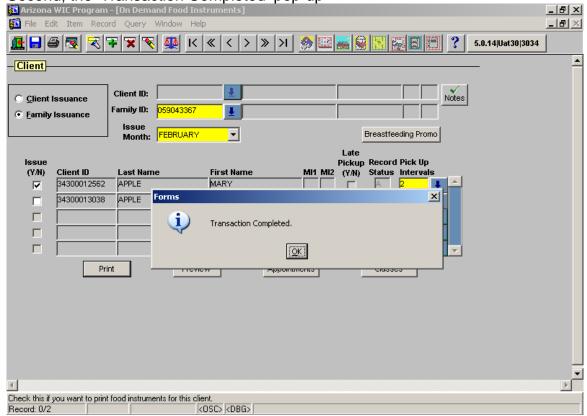
Printing is done in FOUR stages in Citrix. Please be patient and let all four stages complete before trying to continue. Here are the four stages.

From the On Demand screen, when you select Print you will first get the wheels turning, then you will get the 'Transaction Completed' pop-up, then you will get the Citrix spooling message, then you will get a pop-up where you will have to select a printer, then you get the wheels again, and you are done. Sounds like a lot of steps, but they are quick. After you print the first time, the screens will be faster and more seamless.

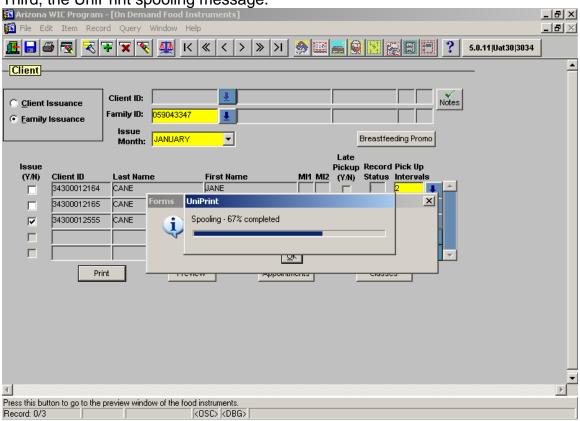
First – the spinning of the wheels.



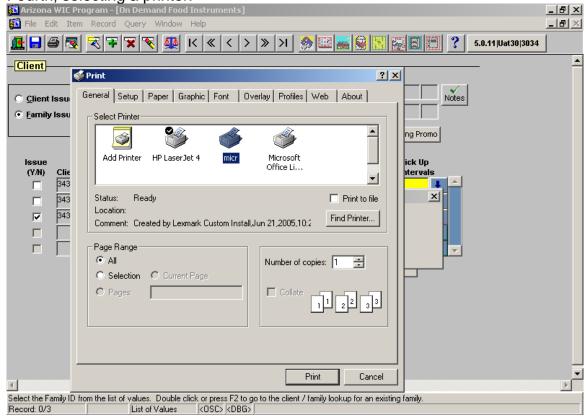
Second, the 'Transaction Completed' pop-up



Third, the UniPrint spooling message.



Fourth, selecting a printer.



This printer window will appear **EVERY** time the user selects the print button. You will need to be cautious when selecting a printer icon from this window.

Always select MICR printer for Food Instruments.

For all other printing, you will have to select the printer identified as your document printer for your clinic.

When you select the printer you want, the wheels will spin again and you are done.

#### **Education on Food Instrument Use**

Now that you have printed your participant's Food Instruments, you will need to educate them on how to redeem them. Provide them with:

- an Arizona WIC ID folder, which they must sign or X (initials are acceptable)
- an authorized food list (English or Spanish, as appropriate)
- authorized vendor list (stores in your local area / agency where they can redeem their Food Instruments)

You will also talk with them about the need for them to do the following:

- separate the WIC foods by Food Instrument from other foods at checkout;
- inform the cashier that they are using WIC Food Instruments;
- present Food Instruments & ID folder to the cashier;
- verify amount & date of use written on the Food Instrument;
- sign the Food Instrument after verifying amount & date.

They should understand why they are receiving more than one month of Food Instruments, if appropriate. Since Arizona WIC doesn't replace lost or stolen Food Instruments, they also need to understand that they should treat Food Instruments like cash and keep them safe.

- 1. Place their future month's Food Instruments in the yellow (or other appropriate) folder for safekeeping.
- 2. Explain the importance of redeeming the Food Instruments with the 'First Date to Use' and 'Last Date to Use.'
- 3. Explain that they are not allowed to exchange the Food Instrument or foods purchased with it for cash, non-authorized food items or credit.
- 4. Make them aware of the WIC vendor and client complaint hotline, which has replaced the complaint cards that used to be used. It is listed on their WIC ID folder; the number is **1(866)229-6561**.

# **Chapter 4: Pre-certification**

This chapter describes the process involved with making a new appointment for a potential WIC participant and the steps Involved in their pre- certification.

Section 1: Precertification

Section 2: In-State Transfer

Section 3: Out-of-State Transfer

**Section 4:** Moving a Participant from One Family to Another

#### Section 1: Precertification

 Federal Regulations – The WIC Program is administered under the guidance of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). It is a USDA rule that pregnant women, infants under 6 months of age and migrant individuals must be screened within 10 calendar days of their request for a WIC appointment (in person or by phone). All other potential participants must be screened within 20 days of their request for a WIC appointment.

You will begin the precertification process once it is determined that a participant is not in the AIM system (Client / Family Lookup). The precertification process is necessary in order to create an appointment for a potential participant. The family unit and each participant need ID numbers to link them in the AIM system in order to make an appointment.

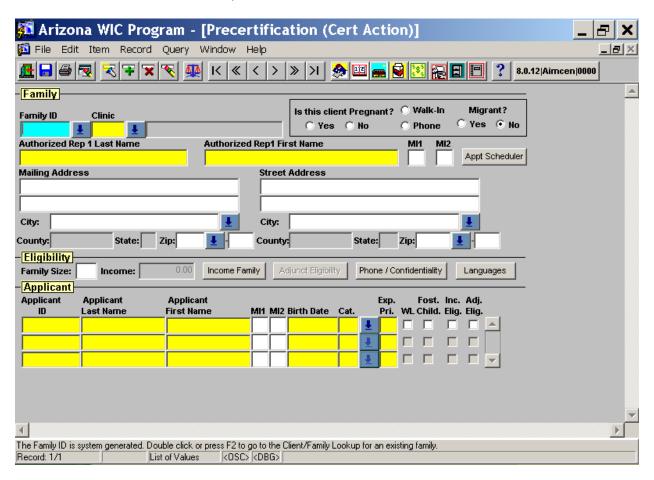
# **Step-by-Step Instructions:**

Log on to the AIM system.

Click the **Enrollment and Certification** module pushbutton.

Click **Certification Info** from the menu bar.

Click **Cert Action** from the drop-down menu, then click on **Precertification**.



Tab off the **Family ID** field. The AIM system will automatically generate and fill in the number. The **Family ID** is used to link all members of the family together. The **Clinic** field will be generated with your clinic number and name. This is determined by how you log into AIM.

Tab to the **Pregnant Client** radio button. Mark Yes or No, as appropriate. The **Mailing Address** fields become mandatory if the client is pregnant.

Tab to the **Walk-In** or **Phone** radio button. Select the appropriate choice for how precertification contact was made. Also, select Yes or No to answer whether the applicant is a **Migrant**.

Note: the **Street Address** will auto-fill with the same address as the Mailing Address. If the **Street Address** is different, tab to the field and enter the correct address.

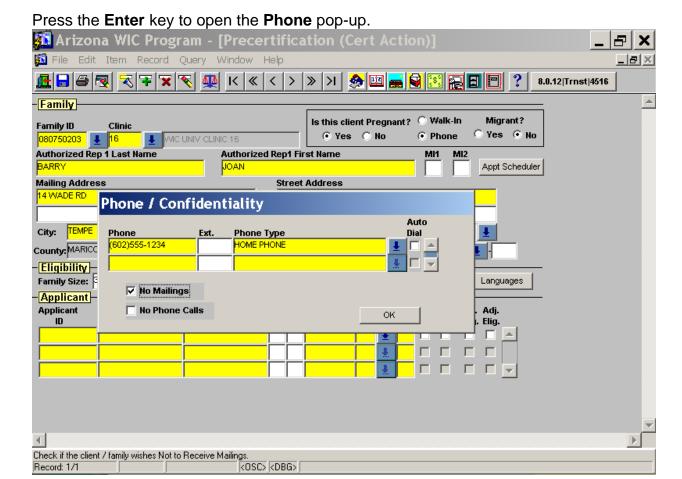
The **City** may be selected from the LOV or is automatically filled in if the **ZIP** field is entered.

Tab to the **Eligibility** section of the screen. Fill in the **Family Size** as appropriate. Press the Tab Key. You are on the **Income Family** button. You will return to this button in a few minutes.

Notice the **Adjunct Eligibility** button next to the **Income Family** button is not activated. Once you enter information on a specific applicant in the **Applicant** section, this button will become available for you.

This pushbutton is an optional field in the **Precertification** screen, but is mandatory in the **Client Registration** screen of the **Enrollment and Certification** module.

Tab to the **Phone / Confidentiality** button.



# **Precertification Phone Pop-Up**

You only need to enter numbers (no formatting needed), starting with the area code. The system will display the number in the correct format (XXX)XXX-XXXX once you tab to the next field. **Ext.** is not mandatory, but **Phone Type** is required.

Tab to the **Phone Type** field.

Click the LOV button to get the drop-down list of phone types. Click the appropriate type.

Click **OK** to save the information and close the drop-down list.

**Mandatory:** The **No Mailings** and **No Phone Calls** checkboxes allow you to document if the participant does not want any mailings or calls from the WIC program. You must ask every new applicant if they want to be contacted by the WIC program.

Clicking in the boxes will insert a checkmark. This would indicate the participant should not receive any mailings or phone calls.

The **Auto Dialer** function is not currently used in Arizona.

Click **OK** to save your information and close the pop-up.

The **Languages** button is where you enter the language(s) of the Authorized Representative. In some local agencies, this may affect which staff member the family will be scheduled with in the Appointment Scheduler. When a language other than English is chosen as the primary language, the 'Translator' box becomes enabled; check the checkmark if a translator will be needed to communicate with the client. (This may not apply to agencies that have many bilingual staff members.) Also, the primary language tells AIM in what language to print forms. AIM can only print in English and Spanish. If a language other than English or Spanish is chosen, AIM will print in English.

Click in the **Applicant ID field**. Tab to the next field for the AIM system to automatically generate an ID number.

Last and first name are mandatory.

Middle initials are optional, but completing the field will help reduce duplicate participant information, especially with common names.

Tab to **Birth Date** and enter the date, using the correct format MMDDYYYY. Press the tab key. The date is now displayed as MM/DD/YYYY. Tab again to get to the **Cat**. (Category field).

Click the LOV to get the drop-down list.

The **Exp. Pri** field (Expected Priority) will default to a "1" for infants and pregnant or breastfeeding women, and a "3" for children and postpartum women.

The **WL** (Wait List) field will be checked if the expected priority and category are not currently being served.

You may override this field and remove the checkmark, if appropriate.

The **Fost. Child** (Foster Child) field is a box you will check if the child is in Foster Care.

If the box is checked, the system displays "Has the participant entered foster care within the last 6 months or changed foster homes within the last 6 months?"

If you respond Yes, then risk factor 903 is assigned when completing the certification process. If you respond No, no risk will be assigned.

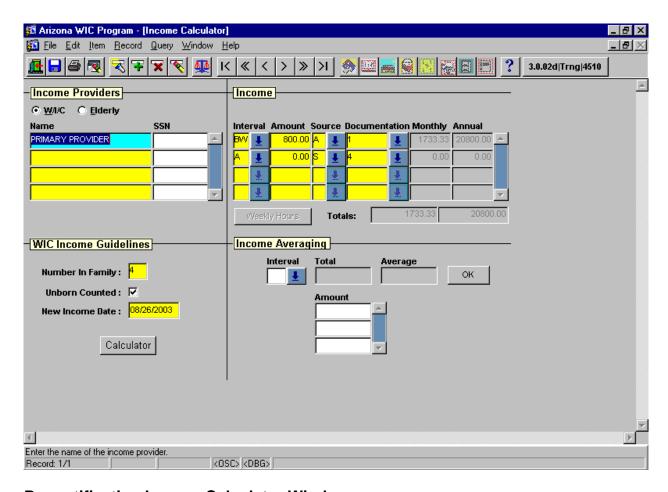
The **Inc. Elig.** (Income Eligible) and the **Adj. Elig.** (Adjunct Eligible) are display-only fields that indicate if the applicant is eligible based on income or participation in a qualifying adjunct program.

Click the **Eligibility** pushbutton. The **Other Programs** pop-up will open. Documenting adjunctive eligibility during precertification is optional.

Click the **Save** button to save all your work.

# **Income Eligibility**

- The Income Calculator may be used during the precertification process for
  potentially income-ineligible participants. Check with your Local Agency WIC
  Director to learn your agency's policy. If your agency collects this information during
  Precertification, it will still need to be verified and documented during the applicant's
  screening appointment.
- Use of the **Income Calculator** is **optional** for **Precertification**, but it is **required** for the **Certification** process. All calculations can be done without having to use a pencil, paper, or calculator.



#### **Precertification Income Calculator Window**

- 1. Enter **Family Size** on the **Precertification** screen.
- 2. Click the **Income Family** button to open the **Income Calculator** window.
- 3. Click the **Name** field in the **Income Providers** section. Last updated August 6, 2008

- 4. Note the field defaults to "Primary Provider." You may leave it or delete and enter actual name of income provider, based on your agency's preference.
- 5. Multiple providers should be entered on the additional lines.
- 6. SSN (Social Security Number) is NOT required.
- 7. Tab to the **Income** section **Interval** field.
  - Click the LOV button to get the drop-down list of possible income intervals.
  - Click OK to save this selection and close the LOV.
- 8. Tab to the **Amount** field.
  - The dollar amount of the income is recorded in this field.
  - You may enter a decimal if needed.
  - You do not need to enter the \$ or commas. The correct format is XXX.XX.
- 9. Tab to the **Source** field and click the LOV button.
  - Select the appropriate source of income as told by the applicant.
  - Click **OK** to save your selection and close the LOV.
- 10. Tab to the **Documentation** field and click the LOV button.
  - Select the proof of income that the participant states they will bring into the appointment.
  - If "Forgot Documentation" is selected at the certification appointment, one month of Fls will be issued and the participant will need an appointment to bring in the documentation.
  - Click **OK** to save your selection and close the LOV.
- 11. The system will automatically calculate the monthly and annual income amounts based on the data entered.
- 12. If you entered multiple sources of income, the system will combine them and calculate the total.
- 13. If the applicant is over income, the AIM system will flash a message at the bottom of the window *Income not Eligible.*

Click the "Number in Family" field in the WIC **Income Guideline Section**.

- The number of family members entered in the pre-cert window is carried over to this section.
- If the applicant is pregnant, the unborn baby should be counted as a family member, and the user needs to check the **Unborn Counted** box.

**Note:** If you are entering income for a Foster Child or a child who participates in AHCCCS (doesn't make whole family WIC-eligible), click your cursor in the bottom of the Precertification and the Income Family pushbutton will turn into Income Individual. This allows you to enter income information about that particular person without adding it to the rest of the family's income amount. Refer to page 46 for more information.

The **Income Averaging** section is an optional section that is helpful if the applicant's income varies from paycheck to paycheck.

- 1. Click the Interval LOV.
- 2. Choose the appropriate pay interval from the LOV.
- 3. Enter the total earnings for <u>each</u> pay interval in the **Amount** fields.
  - You may enter multiple amounts and a new line will automatically be generated if you use the down arrow or the Enter key.
  - Notice the numbers in the **Total** and **Average** fields change with each entry.
- 4. Once you have entered all income amounts, click **OK** in the **Income Averaging** section. The AIM system will auto-fill the **Interval** and **Amount** in the Income section at the top of the screen. You must then complete the **Source** and **Documentation** fields in the **Income** section.

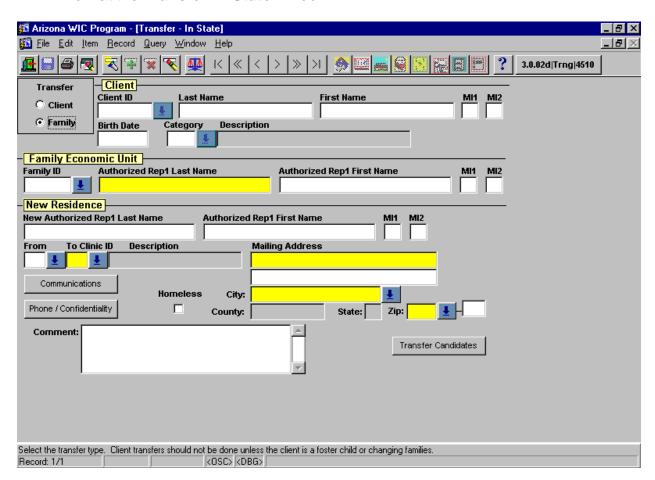
#### Section 2: Transfer-In-State

The **Transfer-In-State** window is accessed for two types of transfers:

- 1. When a participant transfers from one clinic to another clinic within the same local agency.
- 2. When a participant transfers from in another Arizona WIC agency (not ITCA / NN).

Log into your agency and clinic "00", start to complete the Transfer-In-State screen and the client's information will show up in the Transfer Candidates pop-up. Be sure to choose the correct client's info. Always allow the receiving agency to complete the transfer; never 'send' the client's record if they tell you they are transferring. If a client tells you they will be leaving the state or if another state notifies you that a former Arizona participant has transferred to their state, terminate them using term code J "Moved out of local agency."

- 1. Click the **Enrollment and Certification** pushbutton.
- 2. Click **Certification Info** on the menu bar.
- Click Cert Action and select Transfer-In-State from the sub-menu. You are now at the Transfer-In-State window.

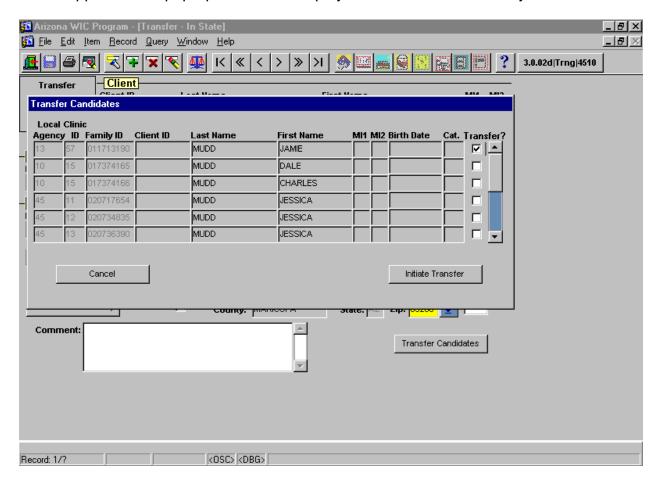


- 4. Click either the **Client** or **Family** radio button to transfer an individual participant or an entire family, respectively. Select the correct radio button at the top left corner of the window.
- 5. Enter the **Family ID** and / or the **Authorized Rep** name in the **Family Economic Unit** section.
  - If you select to transfer a single client, enter in any or all of the following in the Client section: Client ID, Client name, Birth Date and Category.
- 6. Tab to the section **New Residence** (bottom) section of the window.
- 7. Click the **From** LOV and select the clinic where the participant / family is currently assigned.
- All Arizona WIC clinics will display in the LOV. It will be important to use the LOV to select a clinic rather than entering the clinic number since there can be multiple clinics in different agencies with the same number.

**Example:** A participant is transferring from the Marana WIC agency, Marana Health Center clinic with a clinic number of "01." There are several clinics throughout Arizona with a clinic number of "01." When the clinic number is entered, the AIM system will display the first "01" clinic in alphabetical order. In this example, if the user entered "01" into the **From** field, the Mohave agency, Kingman clinic would incorrectly display.

- The From field can be left blank if the clinic that the participant is transferring from is unknown.
- 8. Click the **To Clinic ID** LOV and select the clinic to which the participant / family is transferring.
- 9. Check the **Homeless** box if appropriate; if you do, AIM will auto-fill in the address of the clinic. You can override AIM and enter in a mailing address. If the participant can provide an address for a friend or relative through which the participant can be contacted, this should be collected. If not, 'homeless' or the clinic's address should used. Otherwise, enter the mailing address of the transferring participant.
- 10. Click on the appropriate pushbutton to enter in the **Communications** and **Phone / Confidentiality** information as needed.
- Click the Transfer Candidates pushbutton. The Transfer Candidates pop-up will be populated with participant / family information that matches the transfer information entered.
  - When a client is selected as a transfer, all matching participants will appear in the Transfer Candidates pop-up.

 When a family is selected, only the matching family's Authorized Rep's name will appear in the pop-up. It will not display all of the individual family members.



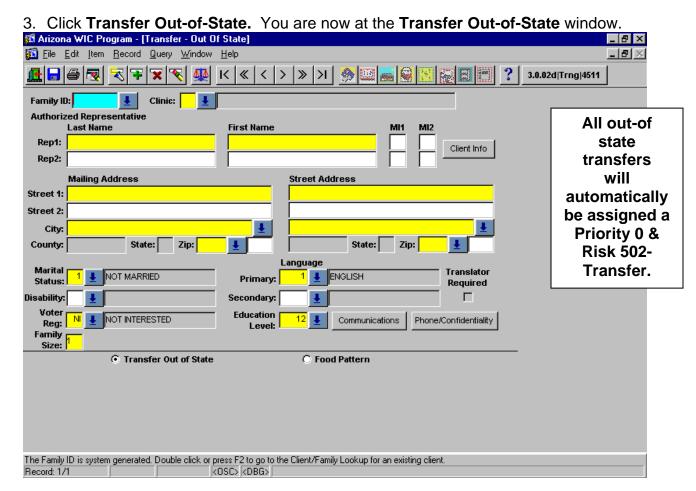
# **Transfer Candidates Pop-Up**

- 12. Mark the **Transfer** checkbox beside the participant / family to be transferred.
- 13. Click the **Initiate Transfer** pushbutton to perform the transfer of the selected participant / family to the new clinic.
- 14. Click **OK** to acknowledge the Initiate Transfer message "This process may take several minutes. Press OK to start process."
- 15. Once the transfer is complete, a message will appear stating, "Please review the Family Information window for accuracy." This is to remind you to verify the transfer information in your clinic. Click **OK** to close the message.
  - The Transfer Candidates pop-up window will close once the transfer is completed
- 16. Exit to the Enrollment and Certification splash screen

#### Section 3: Transfer Out-of-State

The **Transfer-Out-of-State** window is completed by the receiving clinic when a participant comes into a clinic stating they are currently certified on WIC in another state or on the Navajo Nation or the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) WIC Programs within Arizona. **You should not complete the Out-of-State transfer screens over the phone.** If a client calls to say they want to transfer into your clinic, complete the Precertification screen and make them an appointment to come into the clinic. You would complete the Out-of-State transfer screens once they are in your clinic by querying them in the AIM system from the Out-of-State screen in order to pull up their record. Do not create a duplicate ID number. The participant should have a certification / transfer document showing, at a minimum, their name, current cert start and end dates, and the name and address of the certifying agency. Keep their transfer document in your agency's files.

- Click the Certification Info menu in the Enrollment and Certification splash window.
- 2. Click Cert Action.



4. Click the **Clinic** LOV and select your clinic site. The system will generate a new **Family ID.** 

- 5. Complete the required fields (in yellow).
  - Authorized Rep name.
  - Address
  - Marital Status
  - Voter Registration status
  - Family Size
  - Primary Language
  - Education Level
- 6. Click on the appropriate pushbutton to enter in the **Communications** and **Phone / Confidentiality** information as needed. Save your work.
- 7. Click on the **Client Info** pushbutton in the upper right corner. This pop-up is similar to the **Client Registration** screen. The family's information is carried over from the previous screen.
  - Fill in the required participant information.
    - Client Name
    - Birth Date
    - > Gender
    - Application Date (defaults to today's date)
    - VOC (VOC # from previous WIC Program) A number MUST be entered in this field to complete a transfer. If the client does not have a VOC#, then enter the state in which they left. You can use the twoletter state abbreviation.
    - Race / Ethnic Group
    - Category
    - Cert Start Date (the Cert End Date will auto-calculate once the Start Date is filled in)
    - Priority (all out-of-state transfers are Priority 0)

**Note:** To add multiple family members in the **Client Info** window, place your cursor in the **Last Name** field and click on the **Insert Record** icon (green +). The **Participant** section is now blank and ready for the user to enter in data for the new family member. Continue until all family members are entered. Infants and children should be linked to mother in this screen.

**Note:** If a client is transferring into Arizona WIC and their certification period ends this month, they must begin a new certification.

- 8. The **Activate the Client** Checkbox will default to checked to indicate the client is active. Do not remove the checkmark to make the participant inactive. Save.
- 9. Click on the Family Info pushbutton to return to the Transfer Out-of-State window. Food Instruments may be printed at this time by selecting the Food Pattern radio button at the bottom of the window. Select a food package for the first family member, save. Click on Family then click on Client Reg. Scroll to the next family

member and select food package, save. Click on **Family** and then click on **Client Reg**. Scroll to the next family member and choose a food package, save. Do this until all family members are assigned a food package. When done click **On Demand** and print FI's (see Chapter 3, Section 8: Food package to review issuing FI's).

10. Exit to the **Enrollment and Certification** screen.

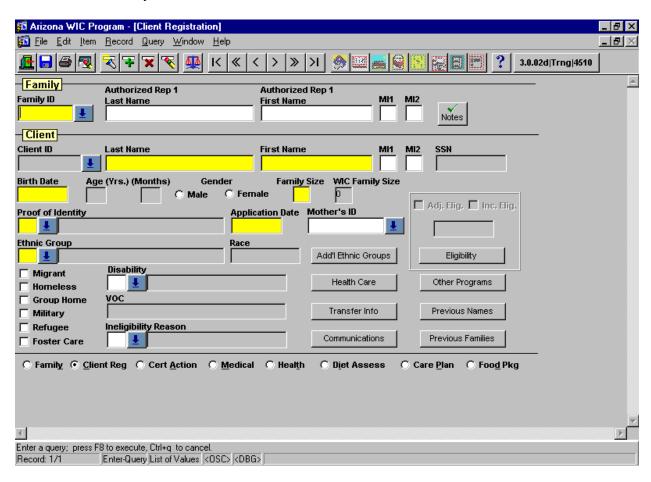
#### **WIC Overseas**

When a participant is transferring to the Arizona WIC Program from WIC Overseas, Arizona WIC will accept their Verification of Notification (VOC or Participant Profile Report) from WIC Overseas and complete the 'Out-of-State Transfer' screen in the AIM system. The Local WIC Agency will retain the VOC form in their daily or central file. If the participant does not have a VOC, local agencies can contact Margaret Applewhite at WIC Overseas (toll free 1-(877) 267-3728) and she can look up the VOC information within 24 hours. If the applicant is not in a valid certification period, they will begin a new certification period if still eligible.

When participants are transferring **to** WIC Overseas, participants will use their Arizona WIC Program ID folder as their VOC or a VOC can be printed from the AIM System.

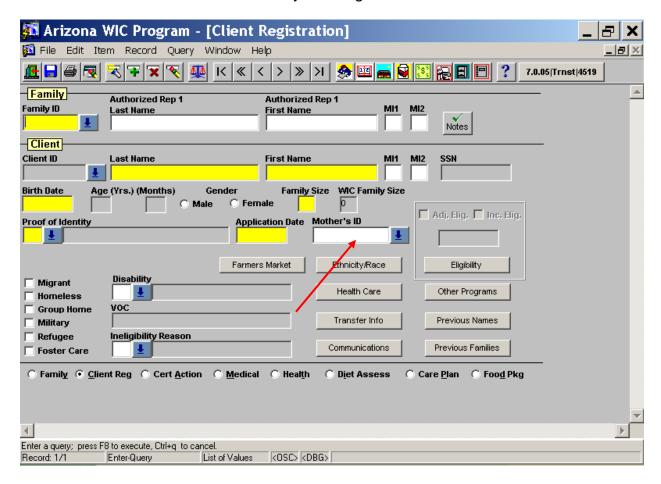
# Section 4: Moving a Participant from One Family to Another

There are times when a family has two different **Family ID** numbers and you want to combine them into one family ID or a family member is moving from one WIC family to another WIC family.



From the **Client / Family Lookup** screen, search for the participant you want to move. Write down the **Client ID** number or click in the field and hit Ctrl + C on your keyboard.

Clear the form (icon on the top menu bar) and query the family into which you are moving the client. Double click the **Client ID**, which will bring you to the **Client Reg** screen.



- 1. Place your cursor in the **Client ID** field and click the **query** (flashlight) icon. The client information fields will be cleared. The Authorized Rep fields should still show the family's Authorized Rep.
- 2. Enter the **Client ID** number of the participant you wish to move by either typing it in or hitting Ctrl + V on your keyboard.
- 3. Click the **query** icon again. The participant's information will now be displayed.
- 4. Verify that the family information at the top of the screen is correct.
- 5. **Save** your work. The participant is now moved into the new family.

Mother's ID Field	Foster Care Checkbox
If this field is left blank on an infant's record, a reminder message will display.	If this checkbox is selected, a message will appear: "Have you changed Foster Families within the last 6 months?" This
If this field is populated for an infant less than 6 weeks old and the mother is currently certified as pregnant, a message will appear: "The mother of this infant is currently pregnant, would you like to update the category of the mother?"	includes if they have entered foster care within the last 6 months, too. If "Yes" is selected, a risk will be assigned in the <b>Cert Action</b> screen.

# **Chapter 5: Appointment Scheduler**

**Section 1:** Appointment Sheet

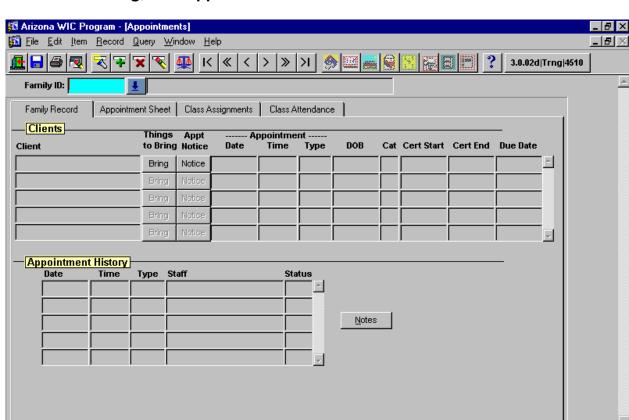
**Section 2:** Scheduling a Family into a Class

**Section 3:** Appointment Scheduler Outputs

# **Section 1: Appointment Sheet**

Click the **Appointment Scheduler** icon from the **Master Menu**. Click **Scheduling** on the **Appointment Scheduler** splash screen.





#### Under **Scheduling**, click **Appointments**.

# **Appointments Screen – Family Record Tab**

You are now in the **Family Record** window.

Record: 1/1

Select the **Family ID** for the family you want to schedule an appointment for, by either of the two following methods:

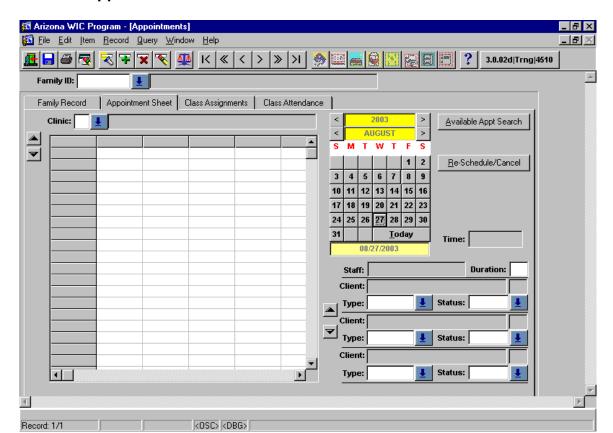
Type in the **Family ID** if you have it **or** double click on the blank **Family ID** field to bring you to the **Client / Family Lookup** screen. Fill in the necessary criteria to find the requested family. Once the **Results** appear, double click on the **Family ID** to return the **Family ID** to the **Family Record** screen.

Once the **Family ID** is entered, query for the family information.

Select the Family ID from the list of values or Double click or press F2 to go to Client/Family Lookup for an existing family.

List of Values <OSC> <DBG>

The Family Record screen is where the AIM user can view a family's appointment history based on each member of the family. Participant information is in a display-only mode.



#### Click the **Appointment Sheet** tab.

# **Appointments Screen – Appointment Sheet Tab**

The Authorized Representative's name and ID number appear across the top of the screen.

- ❖ Roll your mouse (hover) over the **Family ID** or Authorized Representative's name to view the Authorized Representative's phone number.
- Click on desired day in the calendar grid to fill the appointment slots with appointment times.
- The hours of clinic operation appear in the first column (left side) of the grid.
- The clinic staff display in the inside of the grid across the top.
- Each staff member is assigned services that they can perform within the day.
- The service type Any means that the user can perform the following services: Food Instrument Issue, Nutrition Education, Certifications, Food Plus Certifications, Health Check, Transfers, See New Clients.
- The maximum number of staff displayed at one time is five. To view additional staff, use the horizontal scroll bar across the bottom of the grid.
- Use the large up and down arrows to the left of the appointment grid to view four-hour increments on the appointment sheet.

TIP: To correct a mistake before you save, click again on the calendar date in the grid to "refresh" the screen.

When working with the Appointment Scheduler, work with the first, or top, time slot only. The AIM system will fill in the time blocks needed to schedule the length of the appointment. Each appointment type is scheduled for a certain amount of time.

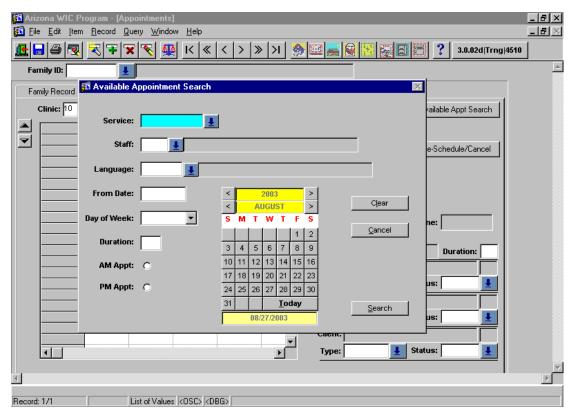
Example: The system might be pre-programmed to schedule initial certifications for 30 minutes. The time slots displayed are in 15-minute intervals and one certification appointment would take two 15-minute time slots. You will keep your cursor in the first time slot of 7:30 a.m. and AIM will automatically insert the appointment information into both the 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. time slots, totaling 30 minutes.

Search for an appointment using one of the following methods: the calendar grid or the **Available Appointment Search** button.

The calendar grid will default to today's month and year at the top and today's date at the bottom of the calendar. To <u>change the month and year</u>, use the forward (>) and backward (<) arrows next to the one that you want to change.

To <u>change the date</u>, click the numbered box in the calendar and check to see if the display date has changed to match your selection.

The **Available Appointment Search** pushbutton allows you to enter specific criteria to find an appointment and search.

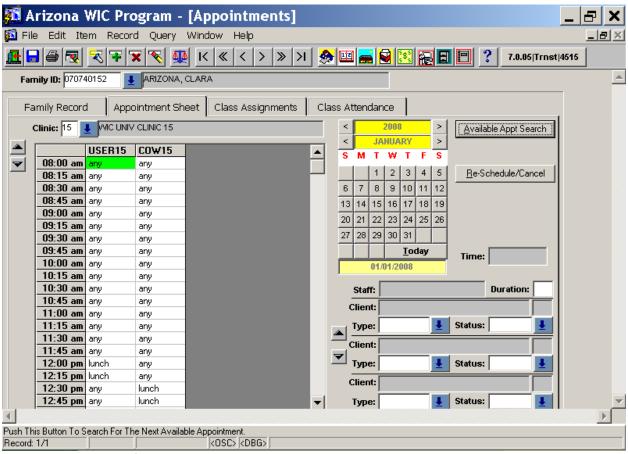


You may be very specific or broad in your selection criteria in the **Available Appointment Search**. The system will use the information to find the next available appointment.

Click **Search** to begin the process.

Once AIM has identified an available appointment slot, it will show the next available appointment in green on the appointment sheet.

Click on the green time slot; the system will fill in the Family ID as well as the client information.



The time selected for the appointment is shown in yellow and is display-only, shown above the Family Information section.

The staff that will perform the services for the family is also shown as display-only.

The members of the family appear in the **Client** fields as well as their category.

The large up and down arrows to the left of the clients' names are used to see multiple family members in increments of three.

Select an appointment type (Type) for each client (i.e., new, cert., bloodwork, etc).

Each appointment type has a pre-set amount of time allotted, and is displayed in the **Duration** field. The **Duration** field can be increased or decreased as needed. Time can be increased or decreased, based on the clinic's appointment interval. The duration

determines the number of time slots to fill on the appointment sheet. The service that the staff provides must match with the service that the client needs.

**Example:** A staff assigned the activity 'Certifications' for the day cannot perform a 'Counseling' appointment for a client because the services do not match. However, if a staff is assigned "Any" service type, then several of the services will match.

AIM will not let you schedule an appointment if the authorized representative's language (chosen in the Family Information screen) does not match the language(s) that their assigned staff member speaks. Also, AIM will not let you schedule an appointment type that does not match services that the staff can perform (for example, "High Risk Nutrition Education"). If staff have the "override role" assigned to them, they can schedule appointments for staff that do not speak the client's language or provide the service that is needed, according to pre-assigned services.

The system will default the appointment status to **(P) pending** for future appointments.

The status field can be changed to display **Walk-in** for appointments scheduled on the current date for families that arrive to be seen without a scheduled appointment.

The appointment slots will fill with the Family ID of the authorized representative into the time selected for the family's appointment.

Click **Save** to keep the appointment.

Click the **Family Record** tab to confirm the family's appointment. It should now appear there.

If several appointments exist for the family, i.e., a certification appointment and a class, the earliest calendar date appointment will appear first in the Family Record screen. Once that appointment passes, the next appointment will appear at the top of the **Family Record** screen.

Click the **Things to Bring** pushbutton.

Select the items that the client should bring to the appointment by selecting an item and clicking the right arrow key (>) or double clicking on the item.





Items to bring are client-specific within the family.

You will be prompted to save after each client is assigned items to bring.

Click the **Appointment Notice** pushbutton.

Select the correct appointment notice radio button (Appointment Notice or Reschedule Notice).

Click **OK** to automatically print the selected notice, or **Cancel** to exit from the **Appointment Notices** pop-up.

Notices print in both Spanish and English (on the same page).

Click Save.

Lets's take some time to learn the process of rescheduling and deleting appointments.

On the **Appointment Scheduler** splash screen, click **Scheduling**. Click **Appointments**.

You are now in the **Family Record** window.

Select the Family ID for the family you want to schedule an appointment for, by either of the two following methods:

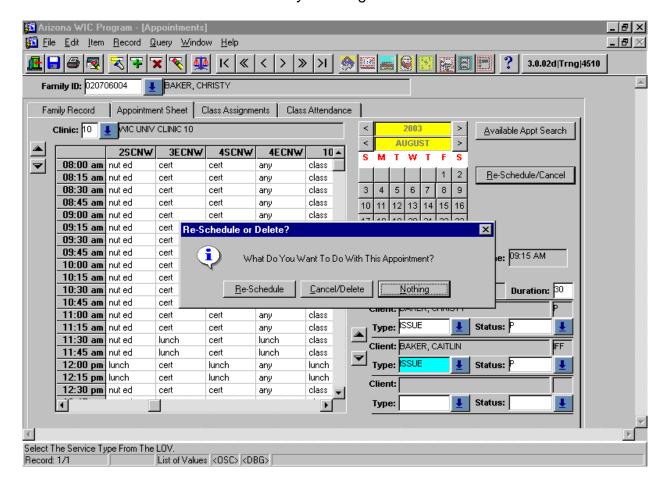
- 1. Double click on the blank **Family ID** field to take you to the **Client / Family Lookup** screen. Fill in the necessary information to query the requested family. Once the **Results** appear, double click on the **Family ID** to return the **Family ID** to the **Family Record** screen and tab. Their information will now be shown.
- 2. You can also simply type the **Family ID** number in the field and query to fill in the family's information.

The **Family Record** screen is where the AIM user can view a family's appointment history based on each member of the family. Participant information is in a display-only mode.

Click the **Appointment Sheet** tab.

Click in the first (top) cell of the appointment time to be rescheduled.

Click on the Re-Schedule / Cancel pushbutton.



Choose from the following options:

# Re-Schedule Cancel / Delete Nothing

Click on **Re-Schedule**, select one of the two options: A new calendar date for the appointment, or

A new time slot in the current day

If choosing a new date, click on a new date in the grid.

Select a time slot for the rescheduled appointment.

The appointment information is "pasted" into the new time slot.

Click Save.

Return to the **Family Record** screen to print a **Reschedule Notice** for this family's appointment change.

Exit to the **Appointment Scheduler** splash screen.

### **Tips and Tricks:**

Double clicking the desired item in the LOV will automatically fill it in and close the LOV.

Clicking in the Duration field and typing in the number of minutes that the appointment will last can reduce the appointment's length of time. This process reduces time for the family appointment, yet does not affect an individual client's appointment.

Selected Appointment: If there are not enough appointment time slots available for AIM to book a particular service, a warning message will appear: "Appointment has been cut short for this service / activity."

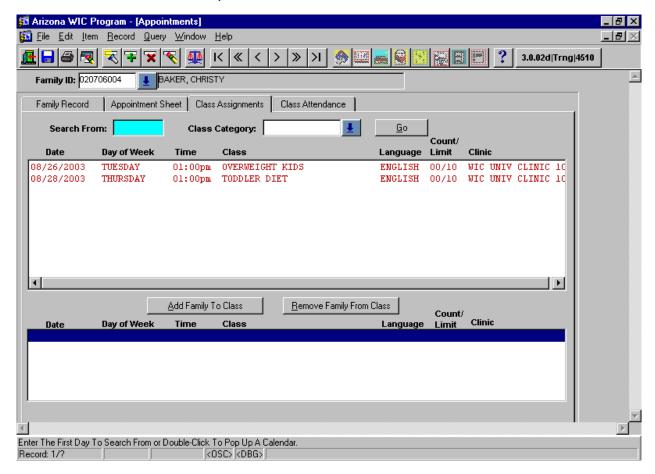
Click **OK** to acknowledge that you have read the warning. AIM will then overbook that time slot with the appointment.



# Section 2: Scheduling a Family into a Class

Click the **Class Assignments** tab to begin searching for a class for the family.

Enter the appropriate **Search From** date information and / or **Class Category** search criteria in the boxes at the top of the screen.



Click the **GO** button.

Select from the available class(es) to schedule the family into one.

Click the **Add Family to Class** pushbutton.

Click **Save**. You have now scheduled the family into a class.

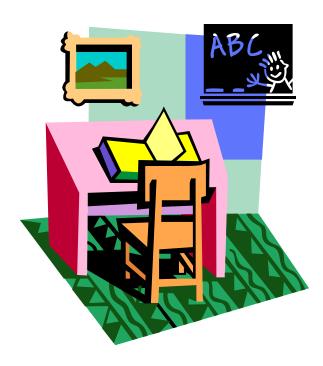
Click the **Family Record** tab.

Exit to the **Appointment Scheduler** splash screen.

# Tips, Tricks, and Shortcuts:

Once the class has reached the "class limit," that class will no longer be available, or viewed, in the **Class Assignments** screen.

If a family cancels their class appointment for a class that had reached its class limit, that appointment slot becomes available, and the **Class Assignments** search will display the available class again.



#### **Class Attendance**

This is the screen used to document class attendance and issue Food Instruments to the class participants. You will access this screen when the client comes into your clinic for the class on the day it is offered, using the following method.

Click the **Appointment Scheduler** icon from the **Master Menu**.

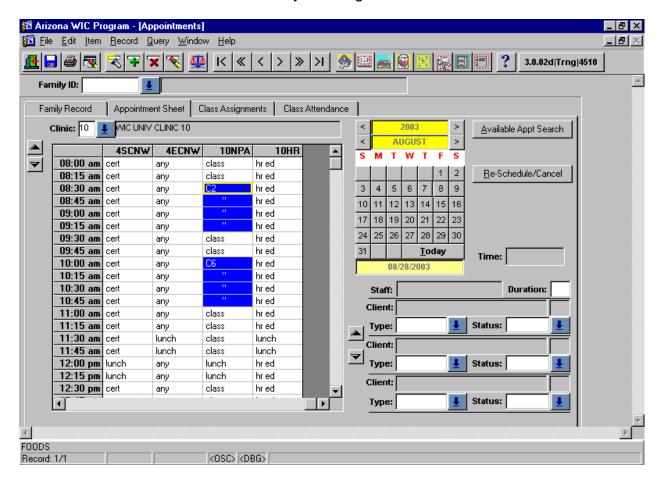
Click **Scheduling** on the **Appointment Scheduler** splash screen.

Click **Appointments**.

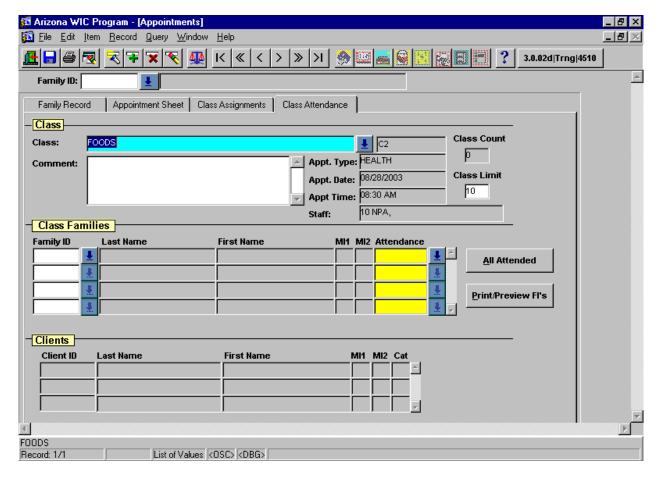
Click the **Appointment Sheet** tab.

Locate the staff member that is the class educator.

Click on the first cell of the class number for the first class that day.



The class name appears in the hint text at the bottom of the screen. Now, click the **Class Attendance** tab. **Note:** this screen opens in a query mode.



The Class Attendance tab populates with the class you just clicked on.

AIM will display the families and corresponding family members (bottom of screen) enrolled in that class. Class details will populate the screen.

Click the **All Attended** pushbutton to mark all families as having attended a class. The **All Attended** pushbutton is used to group the participants together and manually mark their attendance status.

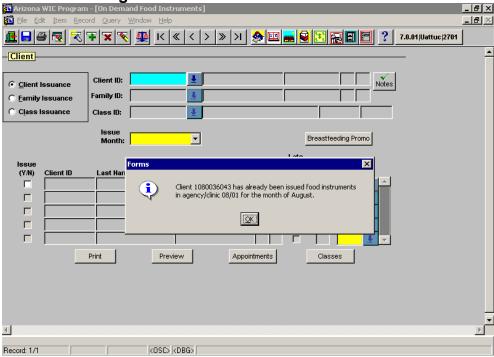
Click the **Print / Preview FI's** pushbutton.

The **Print / Preview FI's** pushbutton is used to take you to the **Class Food Instruments** screen to see FI's related to the families' records, and to group print the FI's for the members of the class.

Click **Print** to print Food Instruments.

Click Save and OK.





You can also select the 'Class Issuance' radio button in the On Demand screen, enter or query the Class ID and when class participants' IDs are filled in, you can issue FIs to those that are eligible. If a height or weight need to be done or income documentation needs to be updated, those participants will not be eligible for FIs.

### To add a family to the class:

On the Class Assignments tab, click the button Add Family to Class. Note: this screen opens in a query mode.

Click the **Class** LOV and select the class you want to view.

Enter the **Family ID** for the family you want to add to that class and press tab.

Save your work and click **OK**.

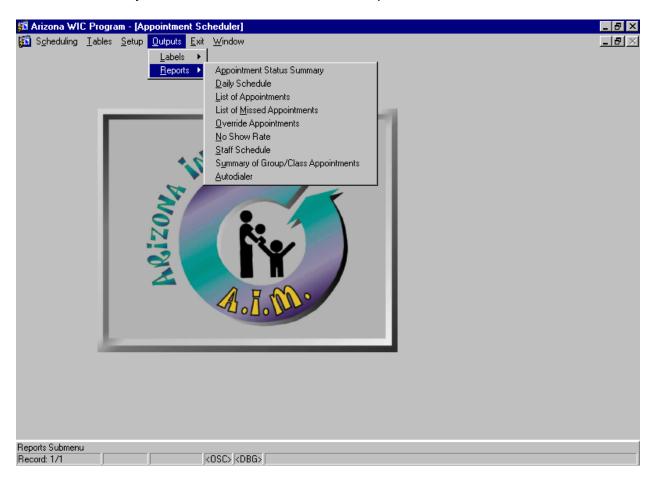
# To view the clients in the family:

Click in the **Family ID** field to view the clients within that family in the **Clients** section at the bottom of the screen.

Exit this window.

### **Section 3: Appointment Scheduler Outputs**

As in all modules, a variety of reports can be produced in the **Appointment Scheduler**. For a complete list and description of these reports, see the Design Document. In this section, we briefly review how to access and run reports.



To produce Appointment Scheduler reports:

Click the **Appointment Scheduler** icon from the **Master Menu**.

Click **Outputs** on the **Appointment Scheduler** menu bar.

Click Reports.

### The following reports are available:

Report Name	Description
Appointment Status Summary	The AIM system produces a summarized report based on appointment statuses (missed, kept, etc.) for a specific date range.
Daily Schedule	The AIM system produces a daily schedule report for a clinic on a single date.
List of Appointments	The AIM system produces a list of appointments for a specified date range for either a single clinic or the whole agency. The report can show appointments by service, time or staff.
List of Missed Appointments	The AIM system produces a list of missed appointments for a specified date range. This report functions as a contact list and shows phone and mailing address information.
No Show Rate	The AIM system produces a No Show Rate report for services and clinics for a specified date range.

The Pre-Certified New Enrollments report (formerly known as the Federal Time Line Processing Standards Report) is located in **Outputs** of the **Enrollment and Certification** module.

#### **LABEL PRINTING**

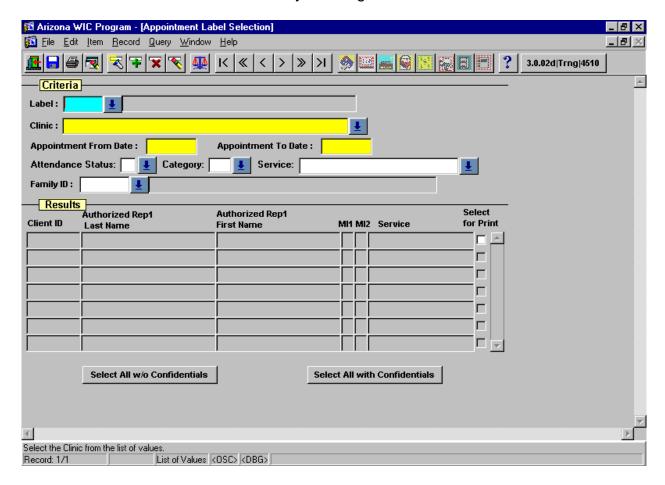
Mailing labels can also be printed, using the correct sized mailing labels, to contact participants by mail regarding their appointment history.

To produce labels:

Click the **Appointment Scheduler** icon on the **Master Menu**.

Click **Outputs** on the **Appointment Scheduler** menu bar.

Click Labels, then click Appointment Mailing Labels.



Enter the mandatory (yellow) fields:

Select the correct mailing label size / brand from the **Label** LOV.

Select the Clinic from the LOV.

Enter dates in the **Appointment From Date** and **Appointment To Date** fields.

Select the Attendance Status (missed, kept, etc.) from the LOV.

Select the Category from the LOV.

Select the **Service** from the LOV.

Enter the **Family ID**. Type in the **Family ID** or double click in the **Family ID** field to return to the **Client / Family Lookup** screen and query for the **Family ID**.

Select one of the three methods for printing labels:

- 1. The system will return results from which you can choose the participants individually to print labels.
- 2. Click the **Select All w/o Confidentials** pushbutton to select all participant labels to print except for those with the confidentiality flag checked in the **Family** screen.
- 3. Click the **Select All with Confidentials** pushbutton to select all participant labels to print, including those with the confidentiality flag checked in the **Family** screen. Click the print icon.

Choose which label location you wish to start with.

Acknowledge the label messages.

Preview the label setting.

Click the print icon again.

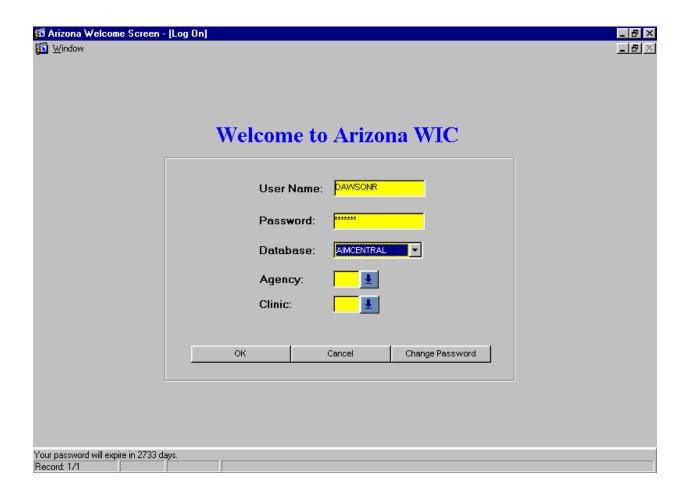
Exit to the **Appointment Scheduler** splash screen.

# **Chapter 6: CSFP and Farmer's Market**

**Section 1:** CSFP Certification and Box Pickup

**Section 2:** Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Check Issuance

### Section 1: CSFP Certification and Box Pickup



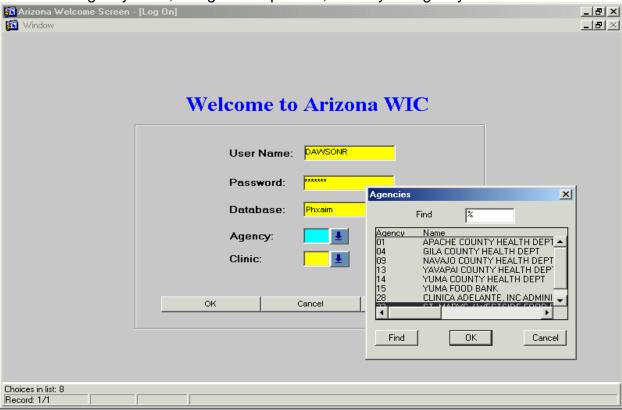
Type your User Name into the **User Name** field.

- This is how the AIM will track who performs what tasks in the system.
- Your User Name is unique to you and allows you access to the functions in the AIM system that are specific to your job responsibilities and location.
- Never share your password with anyone.

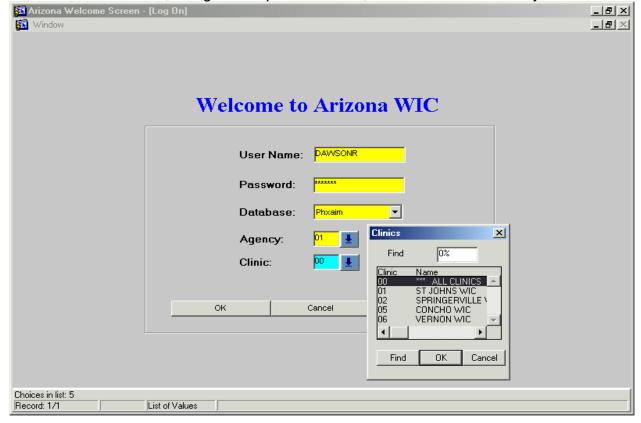
Tab to the password field and type in your password.

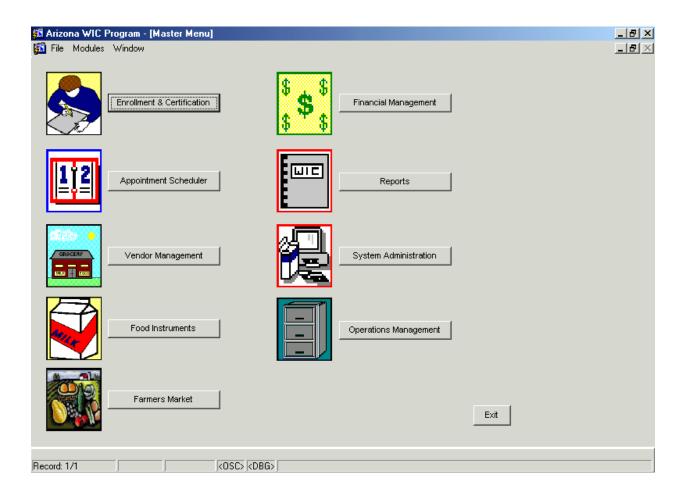
- First-time users will use the password provided by your Supervisor. Once you
  have entered your password, tab to the Database Field
- Use the drop-down to select Phxaim if your local agency is North or Tucaim if your agency is in the South.

Tab to the Agency Field, using the drop-down, select your agency.

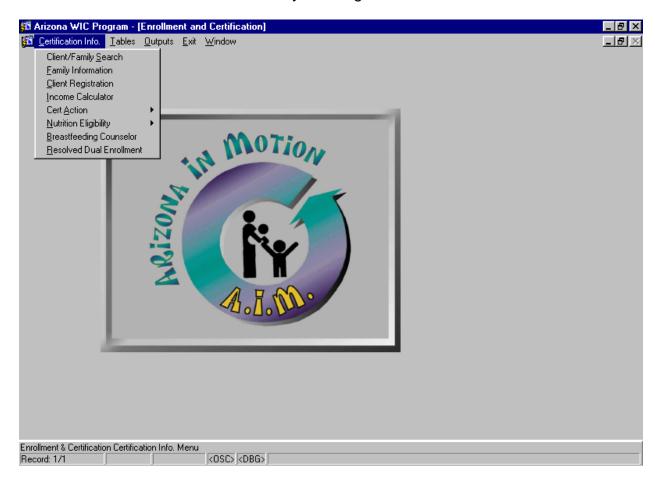


Tab to the Clinic Field, using the drop-down arrow, select the clinic where you work.

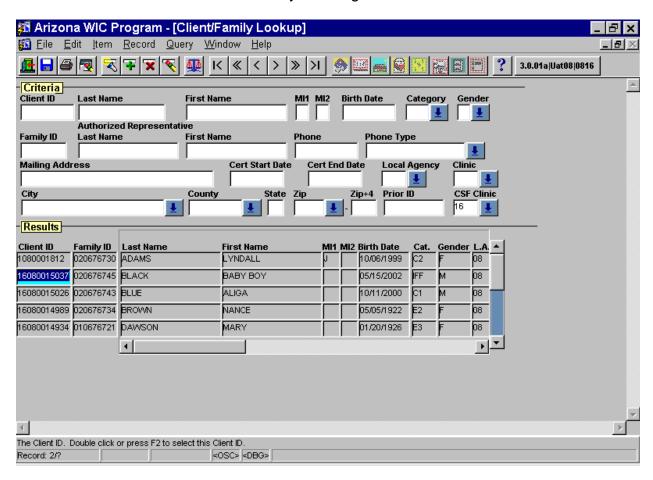




Select the Enrollment & Certification button.



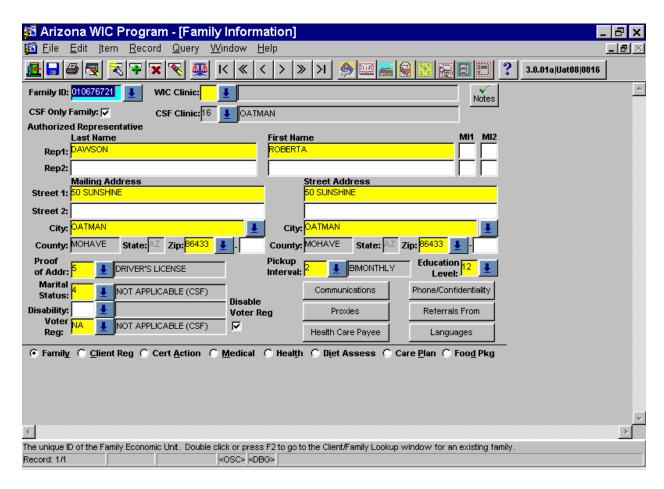
Click on Client / Family Search.



Click on the last name field, enter the last name of your client, making sure to spell it correctly or enter the first two letters of the client's last name, like JO for Jones with a % sign (JO%) Click on the query (flashlight) icon. If the client is in AIM, double click on the **Family ID**. You will notice that the Client ID numbers of CSFP clients will appear in RED. If the name also appears in RED, that indicates that the person is deceased.

All CSFP clients are to be offered voter registration assistance; have the participant fill out the Offer of Voter Registration form. This form is to be kept in the agency's files, separately from the WIC Offer of Voter Registration forms.

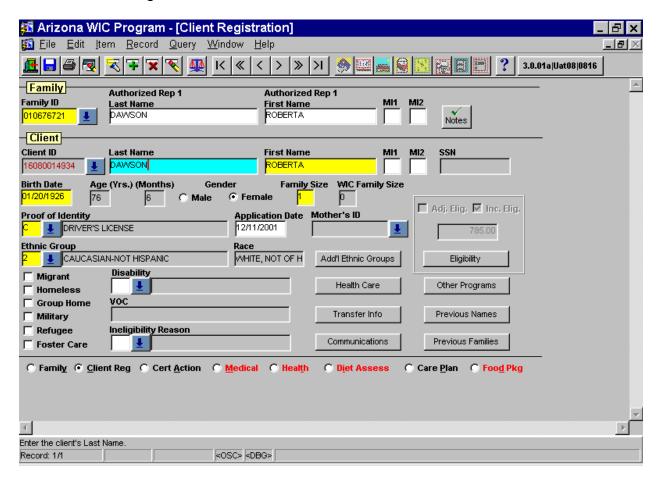
If your client is **NOT** in the AIM system, please skip ahead to **Entering a new CSFP Client**.



Ask your client if the information on this screen is still current and correct. Make corrections where needed.

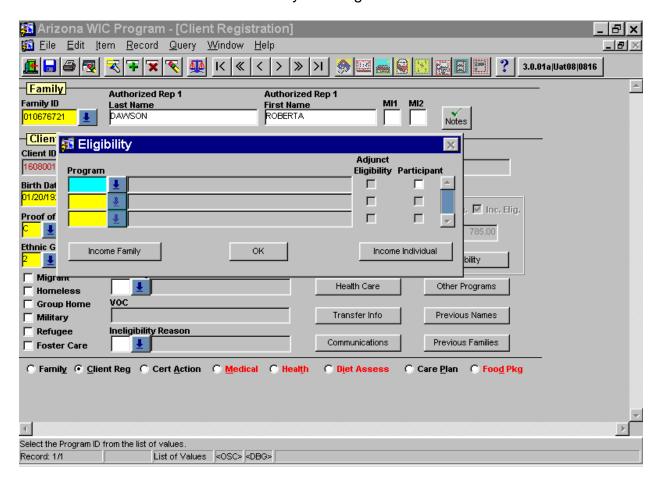
Save your work.

Click on Client Reg on bottom left of the screen.

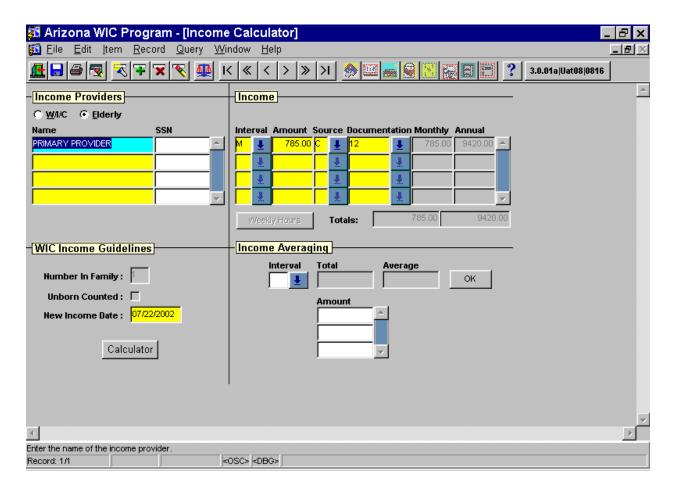


On this screen, you will notice two things:

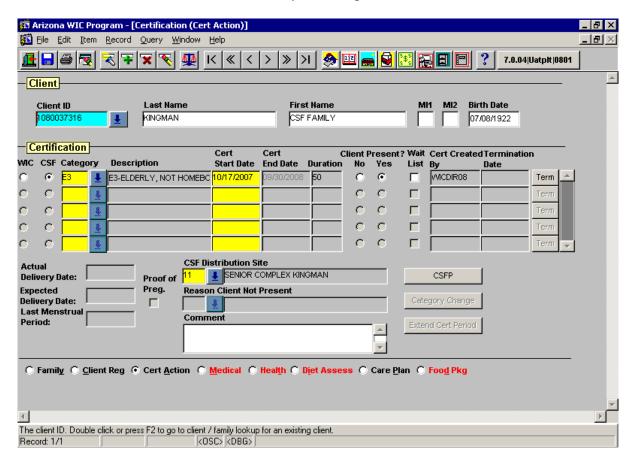
- 1) The client ID is **RED.** All CSFP client ID's are red.
- 2) Radio buttons on the bottom of the screen are black and red. If the Cert Action button is **RED**, a new certification is needed. The Medical, Health, Diet Assess and Food Pkg radio buttons should also be **RED** for CSF participants. At this screen, click on the **Eligibility** pushbutton.



The Eligibility information needs to be entered each time you are going to make a change or do a new certification, even if the eligibility information has not changed. Click on **Income Family** or **Income Individual**, whichever applies to your client(s).



You can leave 'Primary Provider' or you may enter the name of the person who earns the income. Fill out the income data from the proof of income provided. Use the LOV arrows to select the correct codes as needed. Click on the save icon and go out the green door. You will go back to the Client Reg screen. Click on the radio button for the **Cert Action** Screen.

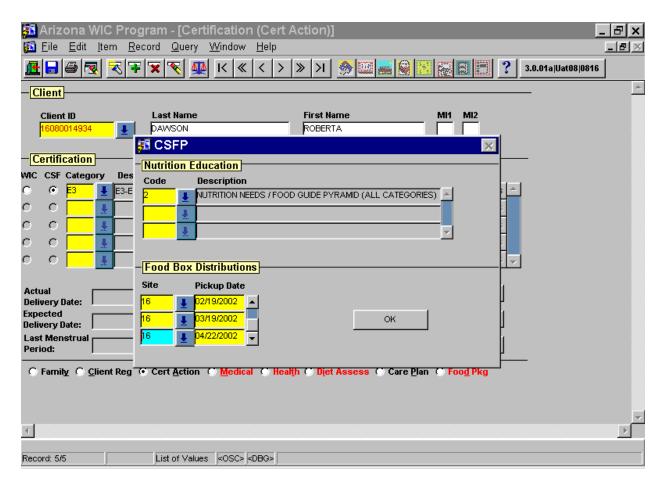


The first (top) record in the **Certification** section will be the current one. If you need to do a new certification or change the category from WIC to CSF, place your mouse pointer on the first record under **Category** and click **ONCE**. Take your mouse and click on the green plus (+) sign at the top of the screen (insert record). You will get a new line for entry, click the **CSF** button, then tab. You will then be in the **Category** field. Use the LOV to find the correct category for your participant, select it, then click OK. The Cert Start Date should be today's date; tab to the Cert End Date. Save your work.

Remember, if you are going to do a category change for a WIC participant to become a CSF participant, their current WIC certification period must be terminated first. If there are less than 30 days left in the certification period, AIM will auto-terminate the certification and allow you to create a new one. If there are more than 30 days left, you must go back to **Enrollment and Certification** splash screen, click on **Certification Info**, go down to **Cert Action**, select **Termination**. Terminations cannot be done from the Cert Action screen. Enter today's date as the Termination date. You can then return to the Cert Action screen of the client's record and begin the new Certification period today.

For your elderly participants, the first (top) record in the Certification section should have the category of CSF. The certification period for elderly is one year. Under the Certification area, you will see CSF Distribution Site button; click this button. Click the drop-down arrow and select the correct distribution site; click OK. Now click on the CSFP button on the right under the Term Reasons button if you provided the food box

and nutrition education to your client today. Otherwise, you can enter this information when you update the CSFP Distribution Master List Input form.



Click in the **Code** field under **Nutrition Education**. Click on the LOV button and choose a code that applies to your client; click OK. Click on the **Site** field under **Food Box Distribution**. From the LOV, select the pick-up site, click OK, tab to the Pickup Date. This date will default to the current date, but it can and should be changed to the actual date the client picked up the food box

You will need to have the CSF participant sign the Rights and Responsibilities form (this is different than the Rights and Obligations form for WIC).

ARIZONA COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)

Applicant Name;
Participant ID:
Documentation Provided
My total household income is:
Type of document of participant's household income
Type of document for participant's identification

#### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

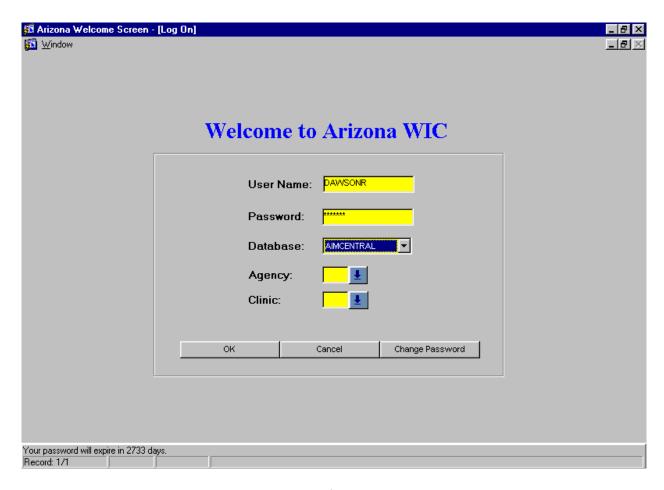
- I have been given a copy of, and understand, my rights and responsibilities as a CSFP participant.
- I understand that the local agency administering the CSF Program will make nutrition education available to all adult participants, and or to parents or caretakers of child participants.
- The local agency will provide notification, in writing, of a decision to deny or terminate CSFP benefits, and of my right to appeal this decision.
- The local agency will provide information on other nutrition, health or assistance programs, and make referrals as appropriate.

Only the participant signs the form; you do not sign the form.

Type of document for participant's residence:

You are now finished updating your CSF client.

#### **Entering a new CSFP Client**



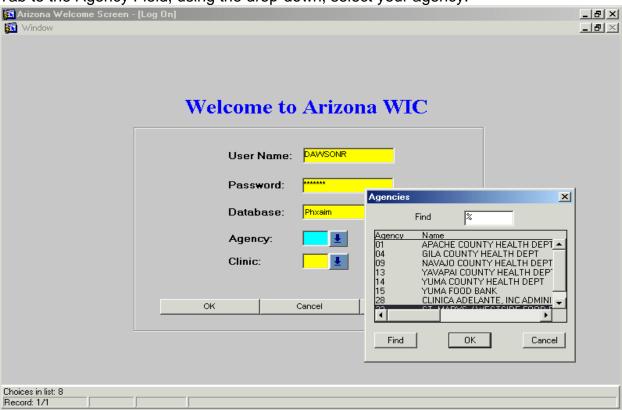
Type your User Name into the **User Name** field.

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- Never share your password with anyone.

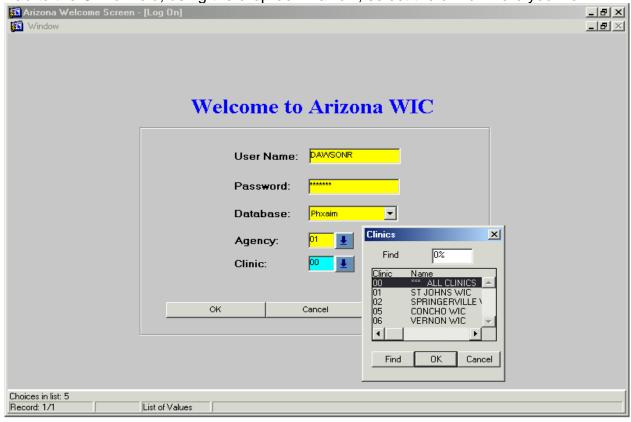
Tab to the password field and type in your password.

- First-time users will use the password provided by your Supervisor. Once you have entered your password, tab to the Database Field
- Use the drop-down to select Phxaim if your local agency is North or Tucaim if your agency is in the South.

Tab to the Agency Field, using the drop-down, select your agency.

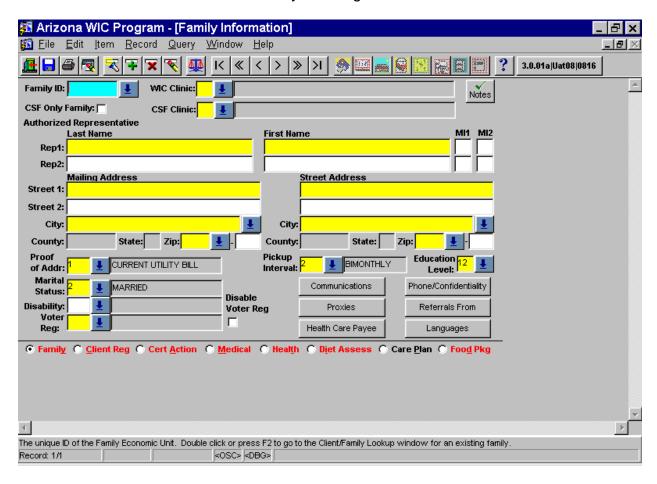


Tab to the Clinic Field, using the drop-down arrow, select the clinic where you work.





Click on Certification Info, select Family Information from the LOV.

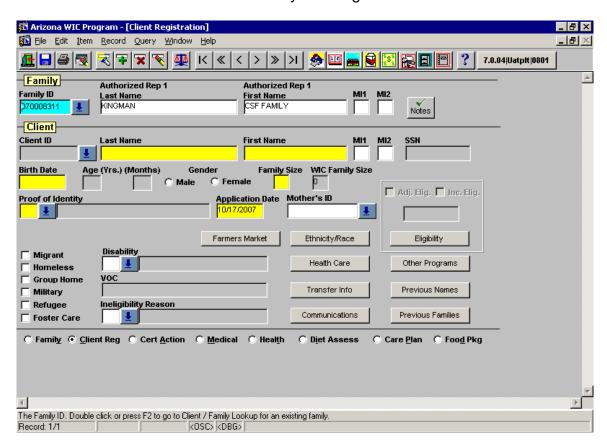


When entering a CSF client for the first time, there are a couple of things you will want to do at this screen that you would not do if you were entering WIC clients.

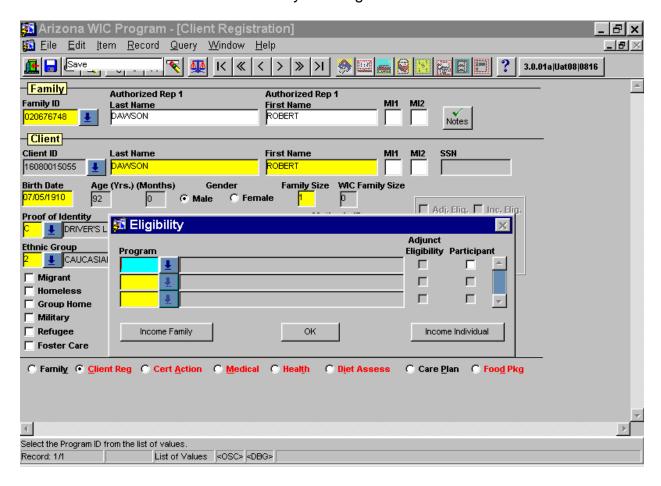
Your cursor is in the Family ID field. Tab off the Family ID field; AIM will generate an ID number. If the family is a CSF only family (no WIC clients in the family), check the **CSF Only Family** checkbox and then select the CSF Clinic site. Notice when you check the checkbox, the Marital Status and Education Level fields are now filled with the default "NOT APPLICABLE (CSF)." These are not required for CSF clients. All CSF clients are to be offered voter registration assistance; have the participant fill out the Offer of Voter Registration form. This form is to be kept in the agency's files, separately from the WIC Offer of Voter Registration forms.

Fill in all the fields that are **yellow**. When you are finished, save your work.

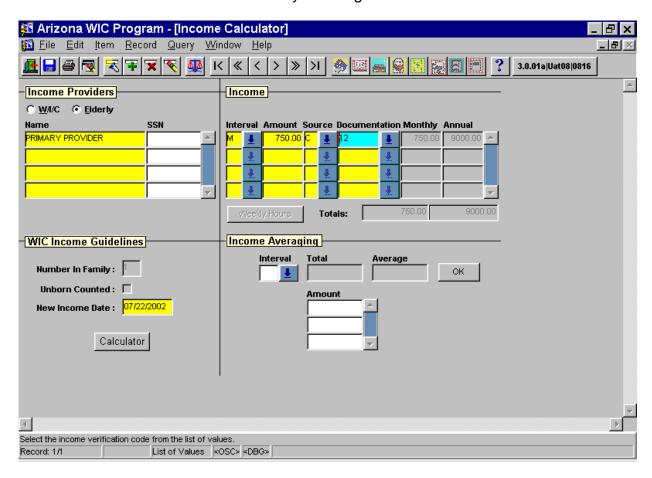
Now, click on the **Client Reg** button at the bottom of the screen (follow the red brick road).



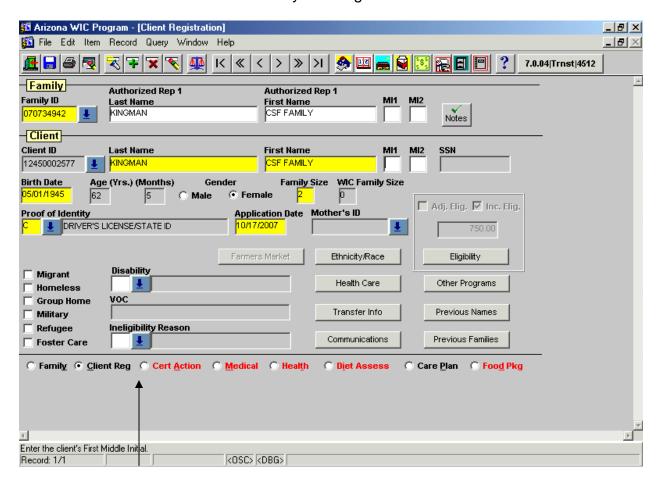
Click in the last name of client (not Authorized Rep). Like the previous screen (**Family Information**), the Client ID field will be filled in when you save this screen. The fields that are **yellow** are mandatory fields and must be filled out. When you have completed entering the information on this screen, save your work, then click on the **Eligibility** pushbutton.



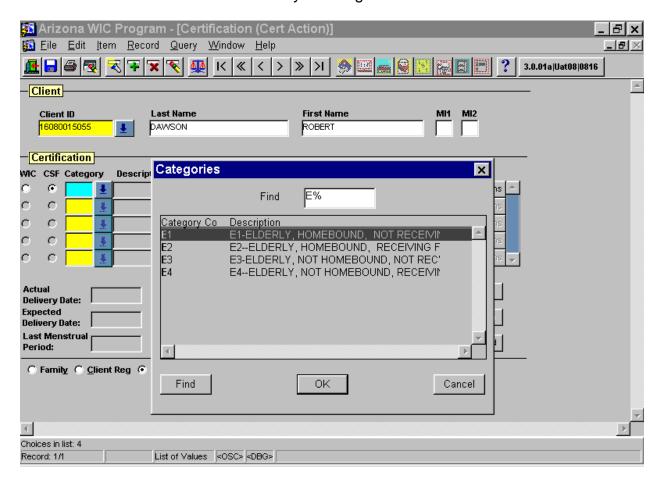
Click on the button that applies to your client, Income Individual if only one person is supported by this income, or Income Family if more than one person is supported by this income.



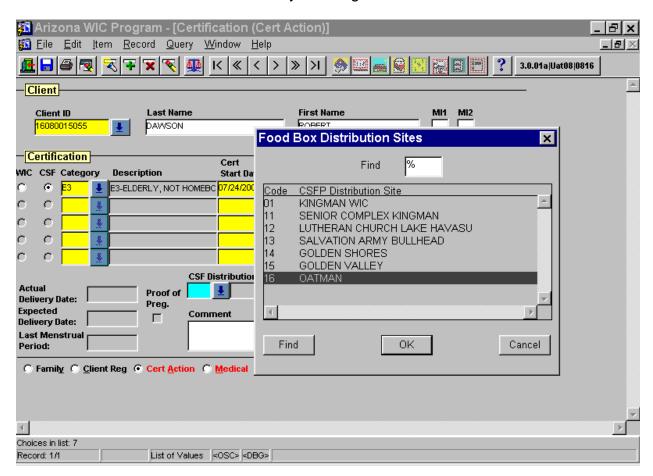
You can leave 'Primary Provider' or you can enter the name of the person who earns the income. Fill out the income data from the proof of income provided. Use the LOV arrows to select the correct codes as needed. Click on the save icon and go out the green door. You will go back to the **Client Reg** screen.



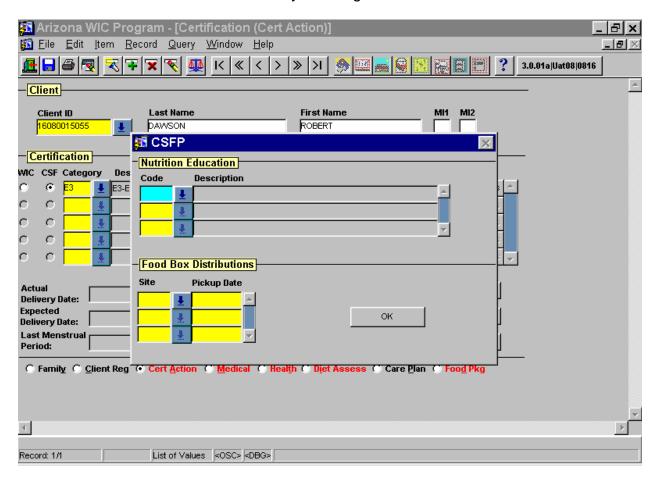
Following the 'red brick road'...click on the **Cert Action** button at the bottom of the screen.



Click on the CSF radio button (if it is not already selected), then tab to the Category field. Click on the LOV button and choose the category that applies to your elderly client, then click OK. Continue to tab to fill in the Cert Start and Cert End Dates. If you continue to tab, you will get to the CSF Distribution site pushbutton. Click on the LOV.



Your clinic's name and number should automatically populate this field, but if your distribution site is different from your clinic location, choose the site where this client will be receiving (picking up) their food box from the LOV list. Click OK. Now, from the same screen, click on the CSFP button just to the right of the CSF Distribution Site field if you provided the food box and nutrition education today. Otherwise, you can enter this information when you update the CSFP Distribution Master List Input form.



There are several important things in this drop-down that are very important. First, use the LOV and choose a Nutrition Education topic. Click OK when you have selected a topic(s). Because this is a new client and he / she has not picked up a food box yet, you will not select a site or pickup date at the bottom of the pop-up. Click OK to exit this drop-down. On the **Cert Action** screen, save your work.

You will need to have the CSF participant sign the Rights and Responsibilities form (this is different than the Rights and Obligations form for WIC).

#### ARIZONA COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)

Applicant Name:	
Participant ID:	
Documentation Provided	
My total household income is:	
Type of document of participant's household income	
Type of document for participant's identification	
Type of document for participant's residence:	

#### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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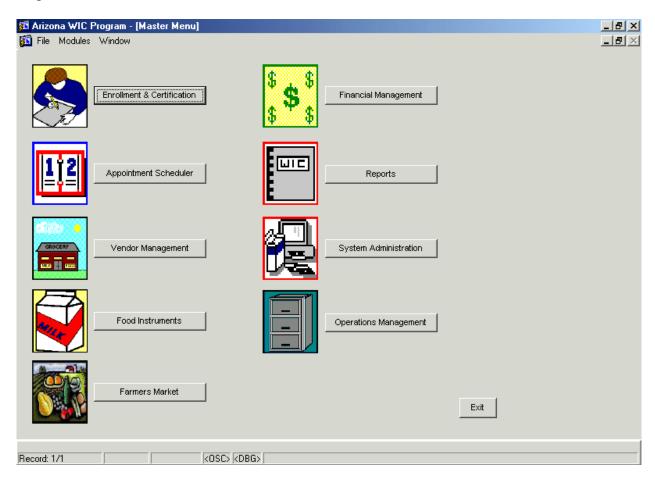
Only the participant signs the form; you do not sign the form.

You have just entered a new client!

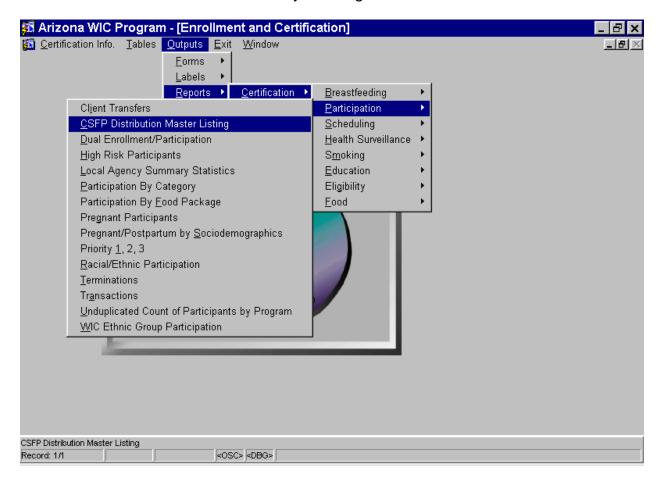
## **Master Distribution List**

Just before you go to your distribution site, you need to print the Master Distribution List. This list will need to be signed by each client receiving a food box. This list will need to be updated AFTER food box distribution.

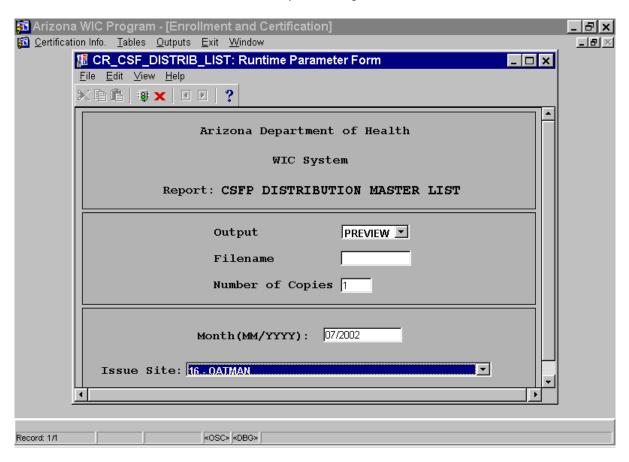
Log onto AIM.



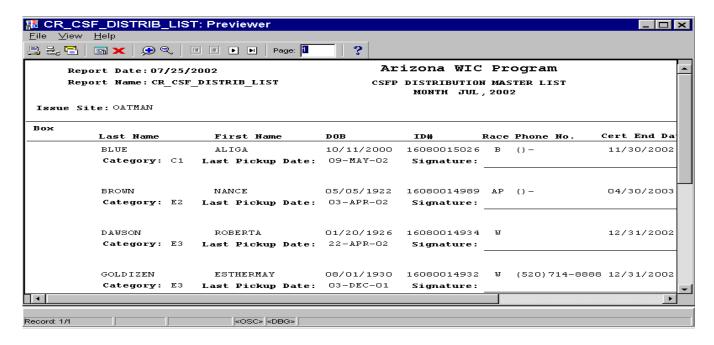
Click on the Enrollment and Certification button.

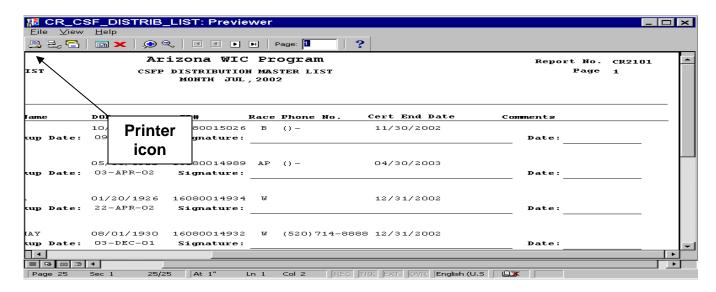


Click on **Outputs**, then **Reports**, then **Certification**, then **Participation**, then **CSFP Distribution Master Listing**. Click to open.



This is called a Reports Parameter screen. In the Output window, ALWAYS leave it at Preview. At Filename, leave it blank; at Number of Copies, leave it at one (1). At the Month (MM/YYYY), enter the current month and year. At Issue Site, use the drop-down arrow and pick the site you will be going to for distribution. Now click the green traffic light at the top of the screen to run the report.





To print this report, click on the printer icon at the top of the page. If you have a large distribution site, the report will be many pages. You can determine how many pages you will get before printing by pressing the right arrow with the bar on it (>|). The number of pages will display in the Page window. There are 8 clients listed per page.

Take this report with you to your distribution site. Each client must sign by his / her name and date it before they receive their food box. If your distribution site uses UPC symbols (bar codes), please put them in the space provided in front of each client's name.

Keep this list. Instructions for updating it are on the next page.

There is a lot of information in this report. However, if you do not enter the information into the system, some of this vital information will not be updated.

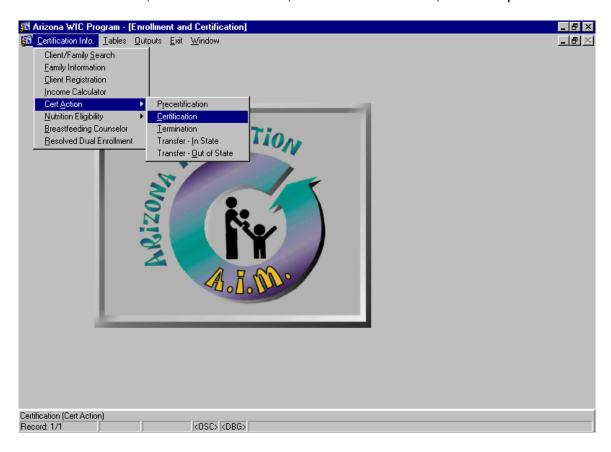
Information listed includes the Client's Name, DOB, ID number, Race, Phone number, Date Cert Ends, Last Pickup date, a signature line and a date line. There is also a Notice to Re-Apply notification by the clients that are due for re-enrollment.

You can see that the more information you enter into the system when you enroll clients, the more information comes out on this report. An example is the client's phone number; it is not a required field, but can be useful on this report if the client is due for re-enrollment. You could call them and remind them to bring required documents for re-enrollment, like income verification, proof of residence, etc.

# Updating Your Box Pick-up from Your Master Distribution List

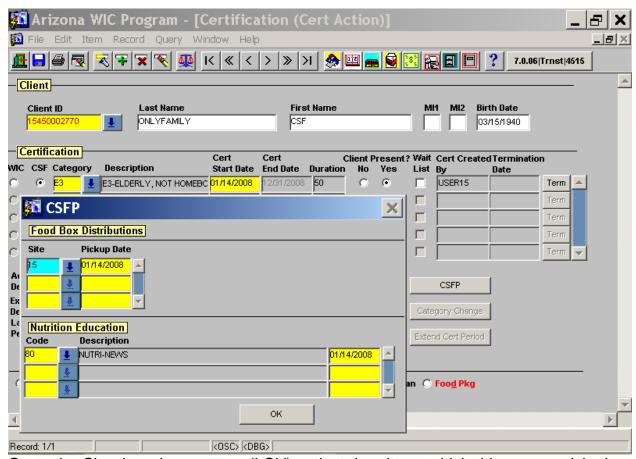
This can be done two (2) ways, either by individual client or by groups of clients.

By Individual client: Log into AIM. Go into Enrollment and Certification, select Certification, select Certification, click to open screen.



At this screen, with your distribution list in front of you, query the first client that picked up a box, using their client ID. (Notice: this screen is already in query mode.) Click the query (flashlight) button.

Your client's name will come up. Click on the CSF button (right side).



Go to the Site drop-down arrow. (LOV), select the site at which this person picked up their box, and tab to the Pickup Date. Today's date will automatically fill in, but you can change it to the actual date the client picked up their box. Click OK. Save your work on the tool bar at the top of the screen.

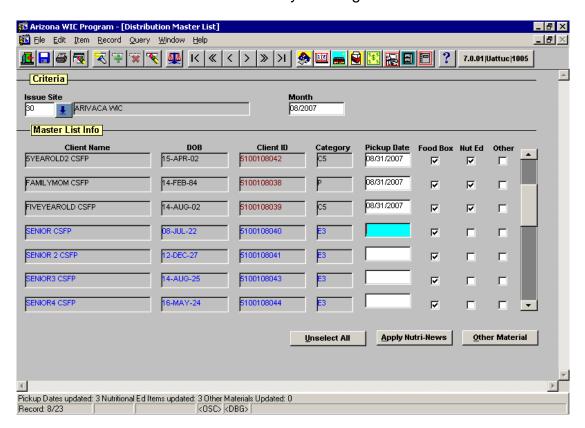
Now click on fourth button on the tool bar (the eraser – Clear Form). The screen will be blank again and back in query mode. Put in your next client's ID number, press the query (flashlight) button, and update this client. Continue this process until all clients have been updated. You will be able to verify your work by printing out a new Master Distribution List and see if the last pick-up date is correct. If it is not, go back and fix it.

### By Groups of Clients:

Go into Enrollment and Certification, select Certification Info, select CSFP Distribution Master List Input to open the screen.

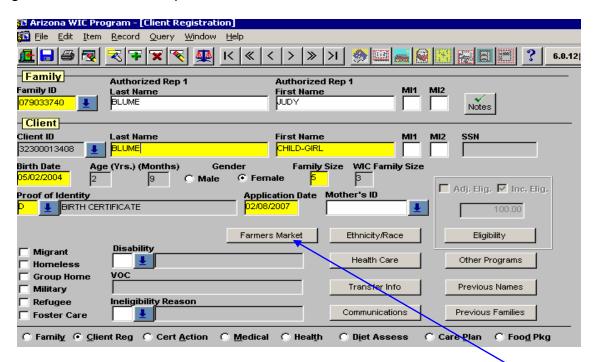


The date of food box pickup must be entered for each client, along with checking the checkboxes for nutrition education given. You can unselect any clients that didn't pick up their box.

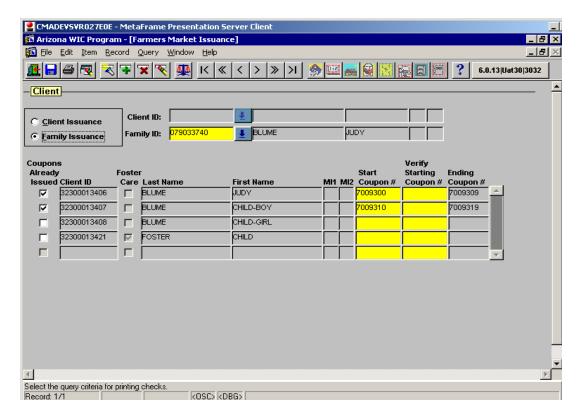


#### Section 2: Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Check Issuance

Issuing Farmers' Market Coupons in AIM



1. A client must be certified and have a food package assigned to activate the Farmers' Market button on the Client Reg screen. Click this pushbutton.



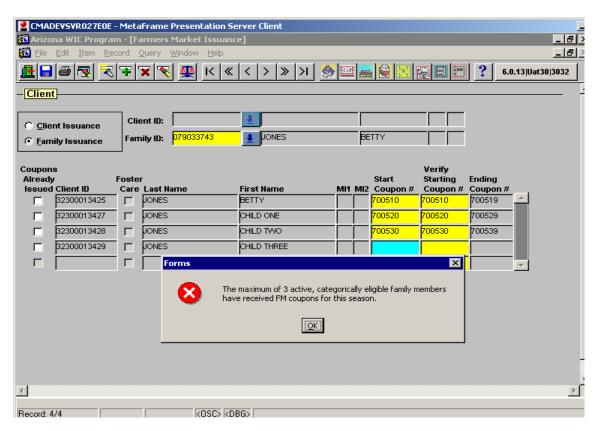
2. All currently certified, eligible participants in the family will be listed.

3. Enter the first coupon number in the coupon booklet. Enter that **same number again** in the "Verify Starting Coupon #" column. If the coupon numbers don't match, you will see this edit pop up:



AIM will automatically fill in the last coupon number in the booklet.

4. Only 1 coupon booklet is to be distributed to an eligible WIC participant per Farmers' Market season (March 1- September 30), with a maximum of 3 booklets per family. A foster child counts as a family as one. If you are distributing a coupon booklet to a foster child, a check will appear in the foster child column.



Once all coupon numbers have been entered, click "save" and distribute the booklets according to the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Policy and Procedure manual.

## Help Desk Troubleshooting Daily Help Desk Process For AIM Users.

